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To stay open Expatriate schools must get licenses

**By Scott Pendleton
Riyadh Bureau**

RIYADH, March 10 — The government has called on expatriate schools to obtain licenses from the Ministry of Education, an official here said Tuesday.

Hamad Abdali, director general of the Saudi Arabian International Schools, told Arab News that unlicensed schools will be closed shortly. He added that the government was giving the schools "breathing room" to obtain the permits.

He said that copies of a list of conditions for licensing have been sent to Parents Cooperative School in Jeddah, Riyadh International Community School and Dhahran Academy, which are the S.A.I.S regional administrative headquarters.

All schools which are not licensed should obtain the conditions from the S.A.I.S. head-

Kuwait lends \$117 million to Yugoslavia

KUWAIT, March 10 (Agencies) — The Kuwait Foreign Trading, Contracting and Investment Company is leading a \$117 million loan issue in favor of four Yugoslav banks, the company announced Tuesday.

The seven-year issue carries an interest rate said to be 1.25 per cent higher than the London interbank offer rate (Libor), said the company without giving details.

It said the issue also was co-managed by a number of Arab banks and affiliated institutions. The announcement did not give names of the four Yugoslav banks.

The loan was to be used in the financing of a number of development projects in Yugoslavia.

Road contracts signed

RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — Communication Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri Tuesday signed contracts for the construction of the Riyadh-Dammam expressway.

The contracts, awarded to seven national and foreign companies, amounted to \$1,447 million for the 382-kilometer road linking the capital with the eastern region on the Gulf. Mansouri said the contracts were divided among the seven companies in order to complete the work within 24 months.

Largest diamond sold

ABU DHABI, March 10 (AFP) — The world's largest diamond, the 170-carat "Étoile de la Paix" (the star of peace) has been sold for \$12 million.

Mrs. Salah-Amina Muhammad, the financial councillor who arranged the sale, said Monday that it was sold by its Swiss owner, Manfred Horowitz. She would not reveal the buyer's identity for security reasons, it said that he was a leading resident in the United Arab Emirates.

The diamond weighed over 500 carats when it was discovered five years ago in the central African Republic. It was sent to New York where it was cut and polished over a period of three years.

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quarters in their region. They may also contact Abdali's office directly by calling 401-0896 in Riyadh.

Abdali stressed the urgency of seeking licensing immediately, as the government order is now effective. The ministry of education will order to close those schools which do not come forward to be licensed, he said.

Abdali plans to visit both Jeddah and Dhahran next week to meet officials of unlicensed schools and discuss the conditions, some of which won't apply to all schools. Those accepting the conditions will be licensed on the spot, he said. The time and location of Abdali's visits will be determined after consulting with officials at Parents Cooperative School and Dhahran Academy. Abdali said that schools in Riyadh have already accepted the conditions and have been licensed.

The schools operated by Aramco are already licensed under the company's concession agreement, Abdali noted, the question now, he said, is to determine whether or not Aramco schools need abide by the same conditions as other expatriate schools. Abdali said he was planning to visit Aramco's schools while in Dhahran next week to study the situation.

The primary condition schools must meet in order to be licensed is that they not admit Muslims, Abdali said. The decision to close all unlicensed schools arose from a controversy over the French schools in Riyadh.

Abdali said it is possible for expatriate Muslim schools to be licensed. English-language Muslim schools operate in Jeddah, Riyadh and the Eastern Province, he pointed out. They are licensed by the Domestic Education Department, though, not by S.A.I.S.

The complete list of conditions for licensing follow, (1) Expatriate schools shall not admit Muslims.

(2) The curricula of expat schools will respect ethical, traditional, and religious values.

(3) Study shall be divided into three sections kindergarten, primary and middle.

(4) Expat schools must submit to ministerial supervision in financial, technical, managerial, social and health matters.

(5) The curricula of expat schools must include instruction on Saudi Arabia's environment, culture and language.

(6) Expat schools may not accept donations in money or kind without the approval of the Ministry of Education.

(7) A CPA must audit the schools finances yearly and submit a report to the Ministry of Education.

(8) Expatriate schools and the Ministry of Education must agree on the academic qualifications of employees.

(9) Expat schools must operate on a non-profit basis.

(10) In the morning hours school buildings must be used only for educational purposes.

(11) An official of the Ministry of Education must visit the school to judge the suitability of its location. If its location is unsuitable, the school must relocate according to the ministry's directives.

(12) Expatriate schools shall be called "Saudi Arabian International School" and must obey all the conditions and regulations published for the control of S.A.I.S. and its branches.

Abdali said that licensing was a first step toward combining the administrations of the various expat schools, 48 known to the ministry, into regional bodies governed by a board made of expats and Saudis. The ministry also intends to consolidate the schools into fewer campuses, and is donating land and buildings to that end, Abdali said that whether Jeddah, Riyadh and the Eastern Province have one campus or several will depend on circumstances. Those details will be worked out after the administrations of the schools are integrated and the national board formed, which he expects to begin during the coming school year.

Reagan's promise to arm Afghans rattles Soviets

WASHINGTON, March 10 (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan's announcement that the United States would consider supplying weapons to Afghan fighters in Moscow like a cold shower Tuesday just at a time that Soviet diplomatic efforts were aimed at reviving East-West dialogue. (Related story page 4)

Just after he had received a message from Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev on his hopes for a dialogue, Reagan announced he was ready to provide military aid to opponents of a regime supported by Moscow.

Through the official press the Soviet leadership has frequently accused Washington of meddling in Pakistan, in Afghanistan's internal affairs.

Reagan's announcement appeared to have put the official stamp on this view, and his comment that he was not aware that the Soviet Union "could really have objection to that," was seen here by some Soviet commentators as a "cynical provocation."

His comments struck deeper as the Kremlin felt it had made a concession when it agreed to internationalize the Afghan problem.

In the first direct communication between them, Brezhnev had written Reagan elaborating on his proposals to improve East-West relations, including a summit meeting.

"The tone is matter-of-fact," said one source who read the letter. "It's certainly not a hostile communication. It's devoid of polemics." He called it "a review of Soviet proposals in the area of East-West relations."

State Department spokesman William Dyess confirmed that a letter was delivered to Reagan on Friday, but declined to disclose the contents. Dyess said Reagan would respond after a thorough review of its contents and consultations with U.S. allies.

Iran 'modifies' response

BEIRUT, March 10 (AP) — Iran's state radio said Tuesday the Tehran government has "modified its response" to a ceasefire plan proposed by an Islamic goodwill mission to halt the 25-week-old war between Iran and Iraq. But it was not clear from the broadcast, monitored in Kuwait, whether Iran had reversed its rejection of the peace plan that proposed a ceasefire to go into effect at midnight Thursday.

Iran's official Pars news agency said last week the nation's supreme defense council unanimously has rejected the peace plan because it did not call for an unconditional Iraqi withdrawal from all war-conquered Iranian territory to be simultaneous with the ceasefire. But council spokesman Hojatoleslam Ali Khamenei said Iran's official response has not yet been communicated to the 42-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) that sponsored the recent peace shuttle of a nine-man commission between Tehran and Baghdad, Tehran radio reported.

Khamenei was quoted as saying the council introduced modifications on Iran's final response at a session held in Tehran Monday night. He did not spell out these modifications but was further quoted as saying the final version of Iran's response has been sent to President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr at his battlefield headquarters to sign it and then send it to the OIC headquarters in Jeddah.

Business problems discussed Roundtable conference concluded

RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — The roundtable seminar attended by international businessmen ended here Tuesday with a speech given by Commerce Minister Dr. Solaiman Solaim followed by a discussion of problems faced by foreign businessmen here and those encountered by Saudi Arabians abroad.

Dr. Solaim discussed the government's trade policy, the Arab boycott of Israel and government subsidies essential foodstuffs. He cited the example of sugar which he said is being subsidized to the tune of \$600 per ton to bring its price down to \$300 from a world level of \$900. For this reason the government does not permit the re-export of such items since they are being subsidized for the benefit of the people and the foreign residents.

Deputy Finance Minister Dr. Abdullah Al-Gowais described the seminar as very successful and the discussions as "clear, frank and useful."

The seminar was addressed by several Saudi Arabian ministers including Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal and those of petroleum, industry, planning, and agriculture.

Islamic bankers renew call for PLO admission to IMF

By a Special Correspondent

KHARTOUM, March 10 — Governors of Central Banks and monetary authorities of member states of the Organization of Islamic Conference have renewed their call for admission of the PLO as observer to the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. The demand came at the fourth annual meeting of the Islamic Central Banks' governors which concluded its sessions here late on Sunday evening.

A resolution to this effect had first been adopted at the last meeting of the governors held in Riyadh in September last year following which the OIC Secretariat was understood to have made the necessary demarches to the World Bank and the IMF as well as the U.N. Secretary General.

OIC member states have also been pursuing this matter in international forums. The heads of Islamic Central Banks have urged continuation of these efforts.

The meeting also backed the decision to generalize the economic boycott of Israel by all Islamic states which was agreed at the third Islamic summit, and hoped that the OIC Secretariat would soon be able to set up an Economic Boycott of Israel Bureau.

Resolutions pertaining to monetary and fiscal matters adopted by the third Islamic summit are reported to have received close scrutiny at the meeting. These include enhanced flow of financial resources in OIC member states, strengthening direct cooperation between financial institutions, tuning up existing payments arrangements, assessment of existing national capital markets and the like.

The governors, after deliberating the importance and magnitude of these proposals to foster closer financial ties between Islamic states, seemed to opt for preparation of an implementation program for these measures at various stages. As a first step, they agreed that detailed study of these proposed fiscal measures was required and decided to set up a task force to prepare the initial working papers for consideration at their next meeting. Sessions of this expert group are expected to be held in Ankara.

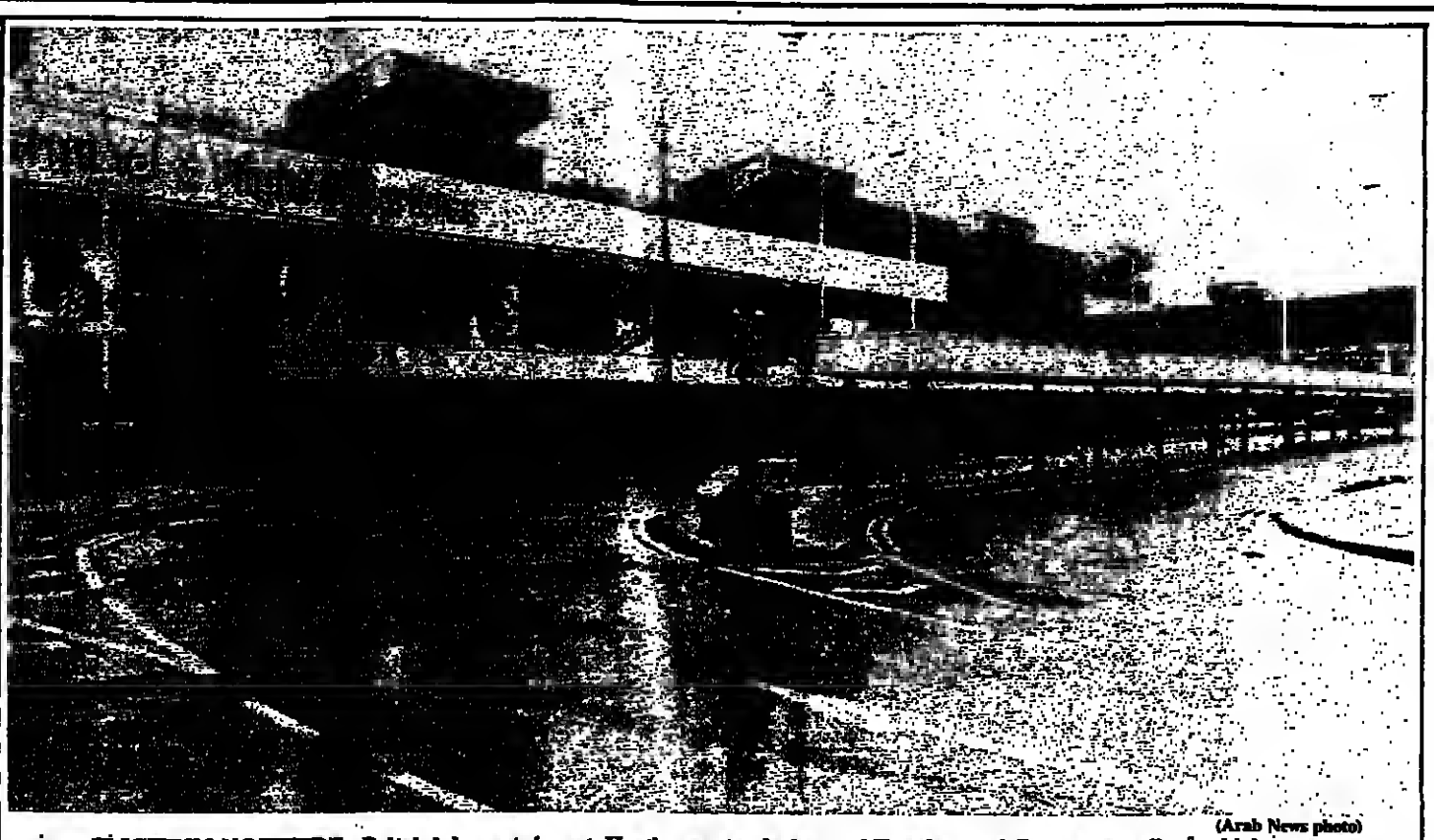
Among other subjects, the meeting debated at length were the findings of an expert group it had set up last year on promotion and financing of trade among OIC member states. In this connection, the role of the Islamic Development Bank in financing foreign trade was lauded. Because of the Bank's commendable performance in this field, the governors urged the IDB to continue rendering assistance in this area of activity. The IDB was also entrusted with the task of carrying out a detailed study for the establishment of an export credit guarantee scheme for OIC member states. Consideration was given to the possibility of attaining bilateral and multilateral conventions to foster commercial and trade ties in the Islamic world on which further work is required. The establishment of the Islamic Center for Development of Trade to be located in Morocco, as decided by the third Islamic summit, was viewed as a positive development bound to encourage trade relations among OIC member states as this agency would be able to give exclusive attention to trade and commercial matters.

The subject of Islamic banking based on the principles of the sharia received attention and the report of the group set up earlier to lay down guidelines for promotion, regulation and supervision of Islamic banks was endorsed.

The meeting encouraged the setting up of Islamic banks wherever feasible in the Islamic states.

The meeting covered new grounds by discussing the question of agricultural credits. Discussions were reportedly of a general nature as not much work has been done in this field by way of concrete proposals. However, given the strong agricultural base of OIC member states' economies, several delegates are said to have called for further elaboration of ideas to look into financial aspects of agricultural development of the Islamic world in the future.

Earlier, the meeting was inaugurated by the Sudanese minister of finance and national economy on March 7 who, in his speech, stressed the need for closer economic cooperation among OIC member states. The governor of the Central Bank of Sudan, Sheikh Hassan Belal, expressed similar sentiments. The OIC Secretary General Habib Chatti in a message to the gathering emphasized the importance of mobilization of the economic resources and potential of the Muslim world to back the call for Jihad.



FLIGHT TO NOWHERE: Britain's largest airport, Heathrow, stands deserted Tuesday as civil servants strike for higher wages. Pictures show flight departure terminal Number Three minus the crowds. (Arab News photo)

Passengers in 9th day of captivity

DAMASCUS, March 10 (R) — More than 100 passengers on a hijacked Pakistani airliner, many said to be in poor condition, started their ninth day of captivity Tuesday and waited for fresh negotiations between three gunmen and Syrian authorities.

The hijackers, armed with two machine guns, hand-grenades and pistols, Monday night released a hostage, who said the hostages would die unless the gunman's demands were met. The Pakistani international Airlines (PIA) Boeing 720 was hijacked during a domestic flight on March 2 and arrived in Damascus early Monday after spending seven days at Kabul airport.

Syrian security forces have surrounded the jet at Damascus airport and are negotiating with the hijackers. Two rounds of talks involving Pakistani diplomats proved futile and the negotiations are due to resume Tuesday, a security source said. Food has been taken on board the plane, but it has not been refueled.

Britain's Independent Television News (ITN) said in London it was told by Pakistan President Gen. Zia ul-Haq that some of those on the plane were in bad shape. "According to the hijackers the condition of some of the passengers is neurotic," he said. "Some are losing their nerve, some are in bad shape."

The Pakistan government has said it will support any action taken by Syria to secure the release of the hostages. The presidential palace here said Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad had promised Zia he would do his best to safeguard the lives of hostages.

Damascus airport was closed Monday night, but officials said this was because of bad weather. Some flights went to Cyprus.

The hijackers have urged Zia to release all the detained members of the "Al-Zulfikar Movement."

The Pakistan government said that Al-Zulfikar is the armed wing of the opposition People's Party of executed former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. Zia said he was prepared to release 15 of the 92 prisoners named by the hijackers.

Syrian reporters and photographers were Monday allowed near the plane by security men to take pictures. At one point, one of the hijackers could be seen raising his hand in a victory sign. The released hostage, Mirzana Sharif, said the passengers were well treated and called on the Syrian authorities to do all they could to secure their release.

The hijackers, who killed one passenger in Kabul, would blow up the plane if their demands were not met, he said.

Gulf body okayed

MUSCAT, March 10 (R) — The constitution of a new Gulf Cooperation Council designed to bind six Arab states closer together and safeguard stability in the region was initially by their foreign ministers Tuesday.

Oman's minister of state for foreign affairs, Qais Al-Zawawi, told reporters after a meeting in Muscat Monday that the six had agreed on most details of the new organization.

The council would be a framework for coordinating all government policies with the aim of welding the Gulf states into a community similar to the 10-nation European Common Market.

Zawawi said the heads of state of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Qatar, Oman and Bahrain, would meet May 26 and 27, probably in Abu Dhabi, to endorse the plan, which was first announced last month.

The organization will consist of a supreme council of heads of state and a council of ministers, both meeting regularly, backed by a secretariat in Riyadh.

Zawawi said the ministers had settled most major questions about the responsibilities and operation of the council. Tuesday's concluding session of the Muscat meeting would discuss some minor financial and administrative points and possibly consider names for the post of secretary general.

Gulf officials said increased cooperation between the six states, extending eventually to defense and internal security policies, would make for stability in the region. They rejected U.S. suggestions that Western military forces should be stationed in the area to protect it.

The six, fear any Western presence would invite Soviet intervention, in return.

Zawawi said points agreed on Tuesday included voting arrangements for the councils. He said the ministers agreed that the heads of state should meet twice a year and the ministers four times a year. The six might discuss names for the post of secretary general of the organization Wednesday, he added.

Meanwhile in Kuwait, Foreign Minister Saudi Al-Faisal was quoted Tuesday as reiterating his country's opposition to the Rapid Deployment Force that is to defend the Gulf region.

"Our position is quite clear regarding the RDF — that the Gulf security must be maintained solely by the region's countries, which rely on their own potentials rather than military interventions or the like," Prince Saud told Kuwait's daily Al-Siyasa.

He was interviewed during a brief stopover enroute to Oman, where he was to participate in the Gulf foreign ministers' conference. He deplored the Soviet Union for ignoring a call by the Islamic leaders for an immediate withdrawal of Russian troops from Afghanistan.

U.S. ambassador escapes sniping

BEIRUT, March 10 (AP) — U.S. Ambassador John Gunther Dean Tuesday escaped unharmed when a sniper fired at his motorcade and struck the tire of an escort car, embassy sources said. They said a shot was fired at the procession as the ambassador was heading from one part of the city to another across the green line in the embattled Beirut port area.

The escort car was following the ambassador's bullet proof car when the shot rang out. The port area is the scene of frequent sniping and gunbattles and it was unclear whether the ambassador was the target of a would-be assassin.

Dean, 54, escaped an assassination attempt last Aug. 27 when unknown gunmen opened up on his car in the Yarzeh sector where he lives.

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Doctor's commercial license withdrawn

JEDDAH, March 10 — The Commerce Ministry has withdrawn the commercial license of a naturalized doctor because he abandoned the profession to engage in business, according to ministry sources.

The sources told *Al-Jazirah* Tuesday that the Ministry of Health had requested the cancellation of the doctor's commercial registration because some foreign doctors here are granted citizenship provided they continue serving in the profession for which they were permitted to naturalize. A few quit the pro-

fession to do business, they said, despite their promise to the authorities that they would not.

All such cases will be affected immediately, the sources said, on orders received from the royal court because naturalization was originally given "on account of their professions." Quitting the profession will defeat the purpose of naturalization, the court said.

In another development, Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim Monday conferred with a visiting delegation from the

Arab-British Chamber of Commerce. The delegation arrived Friday at the invitation of the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Meanwhile, Finnish Industry and Trade Minister Ulf Sundqvist toured Jubail Monday afternoon as part of his visit to Saudi Arabia which he started Saturday. He was accompanied by Industry and Electricity Dr. Fuad Al-Faresi. Earlier, Sundqvist inspected agricultural and industrial projects in Al-Qassim.

3D/International in Houston

U.S. firm to design Yanbu town development

Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, March 10 — An interdisciplinary design and management firm headquartered in Houston, Texas, has been selected by the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu to design the second module of a

new town development at Yanbu industrial city. Located in the Western Province, Yanbu industrial city eventually will house 150,000 people.

3D/International is providing architecture, engineering, planning, landscape and interior architecture and graphic design for approxi-

mately 1,200 single-family dwelling units, seven schools, two mosques, a police station, health and recreational facilities and shopping areas in the development project.

Yanbu industrial city was conceived to serve industry and to facilitate the economic growth of the Yanbu region and is located at the western end of an oil pipeline system that stretches across Saudi Arabia to the Red sea. Saudi Arabian Parsons Limited is the project manager. 3D/I's associate for the project is Al-Najm Engineering, headed by Abdulaziz Al-Najm.

The Saudi Arabian government is providing the basic infrastructure and initial construction. Further land development at Yanbu industrial city will be provided by private interests. 3D/I received the commission to provide design services for the entire second module, a 100 hectare (247 acres) section of the new town development.

3D/I provides planning, programming, interior and landscape architecture, graphics, and purchasing/logistics in addition to full architecture, engineering, and project management services for projects worldwide.

COMMENT

By Jasser Al-Jasser
Al-Jazirah

When Ronald Reagan was nominated by the Republican Party, the Democrats said he was not capable of handling international issues and that the election of George Bush as his deputy would compensate for the president's weakness. But from the very first day of his assumption of office, President Reagan and his administration has shown concern for international issues.

He tackled a number of world issues including international terrorism and Soviet intervention in Salvador. He restored confidence to U.S. allies and maintained America's prestige with both the allies and the enemies. He has acted in the manner of an experienced president.


The opposition to international terrorism has been approved by the American people who still feel the impact of the American hostages issue with Iran. Besides, the international community has been sympathetic to President Reagan's

call, especially since international terrorism has affected several countries around the world.

But despite his claims that he will fight international terrorism, we have not so far heard his denunciation and opposition to Zionist terrorist activities perpetrated against Palestinians and Lebanese. President Reagan's silence over Zionist terror makes him — in the eyes of the Arabs — a person biased toward the aggressor and indifferent to the Zionist crimes being perpetrated on these people.

As regards Soviet intervention in Salvador, there is an observation on the American stance. America's official support for dictatorial governments make their persecuted peoples look toward the support of any circle. This is what has made the left succeed in establishing its own organizations. As those people urge the U.S. to remain neutral and to stop supporting the dictatorial regimes, the

Arabs call upon America to cease its support for Zionist entity. Will Reagan accept the peoples' advice?



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Rogan Pullman

German official lauds relations

RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — A senior West German official said any peace negotiations in the Middle East must be attended by all parties, including the Palestine Liberation Organization as the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

Rogan Pullman, member of the external affairs and defense committees in the Bundestag, said Monday that his country joined Saudi Arabia in thinking that efforts should be made to persuade the United States to play a more active role for peace to be restored in the Middle East.

Pullman, who is also the spokesman for the free Democrats, said that relations were very good with Saudi Arabia and will improve further in the political, economic and military fields. He added that talks he had with Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal showed the special interest devoted by the Kingdom to cooperation with West Germany in all areas.

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Mosque donation
MECCA, March 10 (SPA) — Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al-Thani, the ruler of Qatar, Monday gave SR 500,000 to the World Supreme Council of Mosques. A check was given to Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Haraki, secretary general of the Muslim World League, by Qatari ambassador to

Saudi Arabia Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Saad. Sheikh Muhammad expressed his thanks and appreciation to Qatar for its noble gesture.

Table tennis match held
ABU DHABI, March 10 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia Monday beat Kuwait 4-0 in a table tennis match as part of the Gulf beginners championship. The Emirates team A beat the Emirates team B 4-0. And again the Qatari team beat Bahrain 4-0.

In the morning, the Kingdom beat the Emirates B team 4-0. The Emirates team A beat Qatar 4-0. Bahrain beat Kuwait 4-2. Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and the UAE are participating the championship for players under 14 years old.

Rainfall recorded
RIYADH, March 10 (SPA) — Heavy rain fell Monday on Riyadh, Sudair and Al-Zalifi areas, irrigating Al-Mnjamma, Al-Ghatt and Al-Zalifi valleys. It also rained in Al-Qasim, irrigating Buraida, Unaiza, Al-Ross, and Al-Badai'e.

Decree on Arab investment

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the remainder of a report begun Tuesday, March 10, regarding a royal decree promulgating a ministerial decision on a unified capital investment agreement in 21 Arab countries. The agreement was approved by the Arab summit meeting held in Amman, Jordan, last November after amendments introduced by Saudi Arabia. Included are articles nine and ten, which were erroneously omitted in Tuesday's Arab News.

Article 9
1. Invested Arab capital does not adhere to any special or public measures under the rules of this agreement, be it permanent or temporary and whatever its legal aspect is if it implies partial or total confiscation, forced takeover, expropriation, nationalization, liquidation, suspension, deprivation or disperse technical ownership secrets or other material rights, banning settlement of debts or force their delay, or any other measures that result in apprehension, freezing, guarding or any other form of breaking ownership rights or breach the important authorities of the owner represented in the control of investment, its preservation or the rights of managing it, receiving interests, claiming rights or fulfilling commitments.

2. But it is acceptable to:
A. Expropriate in favor of public benefit according to the authority of the state or its organizations to carry out its duty toward public projects, provided that it be carried out on undiscriminating basis and just compensation according to public rules of expropriation in favor of public benefit. The Arab investor has the right to contest the legality of expropriation and the value of compensation in front of the national court. The compensa-

tion should be made during a period of not more than one year from the date effect of the expropriation decision in its final form.
B. Undertake confiscation measures by the order of a specialist court and implement the decisions issued by a specialist court.

Article 10
1. The Arab investor deserves compensation for damage that results from a state's or one of its public or local authorities or institutions under-stated actions:
A. Inflicting damage on any rights or guarantees stated for the Arab investor under this agreement or any other decision issued by a specialist party.
B. Failing to fulfill international commitments from the member country's side initiated by this agreement for the benefit of the Arab investor, or refraining from complying either by intention or negligence.

Article 19
1. The council shall agree to stop work on any of the provisions of the agreement in any concerned state in accordance with its demands. It will however determine limits as regards time, place and subject. The responsible circles in the state shall seek guidance from the council's observations and recommendations in order to ensure a return to the provisions of the agreement.
2. In the event of an extreme necessity, the responsible circles in the state concerned shall as speedily as adopt measures that ensure a suspension of some of the provisions of the agreement

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Engineering work aids refinery design

LONDON, March 10 — The Lummus Company Limited, C-E Lummus' British subsidiary, is providing engineering services for the grassroots petroleum refinery of the joint venture consisting of the General Petroleum and Mineral Organization (Petromin) of Saudi Arabia and Petroia International S.A. of Athens, Greece, a Lummus press statement said Tuesday.

Lummus London is performing detail engineering for the amine removal system, naphtha and kerosene merox treaters, and the gas oil hydrodesulfurization units as well as civil engineering for the sulfur and hydrogen units.

Engineering was initiated in early 1980 by

Lummus London. The first phase of the project is scheduled for completion in 1982, while the second phase, comprising vacuum distillation, hydrodesulfurization, amine removal, naphtha, and kerosene merox treating, sulfur recovery and hydrogen production is scheduled for completion in 1984. Petroia is responsible for construction and Lummus London will handle procurement activities outside the Kingdom, the report added.

The 325,000 barrel-per-stream-day refinery will be located at Rabigh, about 180 kilometers north of Jeddah on the Red Sea coast. Designed to handle both Arabian light and medium crude oils, the projects total installed cost, as estimated by independent consultants, is in excess of \$3 billion (SR10

bilioe), including the refinery, storage tanks, harbor facilities and a central utilities complex.

This is Lummus' fifth Saudi Arabian project. Others include a system of 25 crude oil desalting facilities in the Eastern Province; a \$750 million (SR2.5 billion) natural gas liquids plant and a 450,000 metric-ton-per-year ethylene plant — both at Yanbu; and a lube oil refinery at Jubail, Lummus reported.

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Jubail toured

Texaco chairman ends visit

RIYADH, March 10 — Concluding a recent five-day visit to Saudi Arabia, John K. McKinley, chairman and chief executive officer of Texaco Inc., remarked on the significant achievements he had observed during his meetings with a number of Saudi Arabian ministers, other government officials and business leaders.

"It is clear to me that the leadership in Saudi Arabia is deeply committed to developing a broader-based economy," he said. "I am impressed with the quality of the industrial development in the Kingdom which has already been achieved," a Texaco-Saudi Company press statement reported Tuesday.

In Dhahran, the Texaco chairman visited a number of the facilities of the Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco), where Texaco has had an association dating back to 1936. McKinley also visited the new industrial complex of Jubail, where a lubricating oil refinery is proposed for construction by a joint venture in which Texaco will hold a 25 per cent interest.

In Riyadh, McKinley visited the plant of Saudi Plastic Products Co. Ltd. (SAPPCO). SAPPCO and Texaco Saudi Investments Ltd. have formed SAPTEX, a partnership to manufacture polyurethane insulation panel-board. The plant will be located in Riyadh.

Addressing a meeting of 75 representatives of American companies in Riyadh, the Texaco chairman expressed confidence about the investment climate in Saudi Arabia. He said that responsible actions of American businessmen, working in partnership with Saudi Arabia, have played an integral part in fostering that climate. Texaco was expanding its involvement with the Kingdom, he stated. He mentioned the Jubail lube oil refinery project, SAPTEX, and the jointly-owned Saudi International Petroleum Carriers Ltd. (SIPCA) which is sailing Saudi Arabian-flag tankers in international commerce, as highlighting Texaco's current involvement in Saudi Arabia, the report added.

McKinley said that Saudi Arabia, which possesses the world's largest reserves of crude oil, occupies the central position in the provision of future energy supplies. The Kingdom has acted responsibly by providing large volumes of crude oil at reasonable prices to help meet world energy needs, he declared.

He cautioned, however, that consuming nations need to reduce their demands for energy. Pointing out that the United States in recent years has begun to move in this direction, he claimed that decontrol of crude oil



John McKinley

prices in the United States have resulted in increased domestic drilling, a decline in U.S. petroleum consumption and increased interest in alternate energy by the private sector. Due to the high cost and necessary long lead times involved in such investments, both in the United States and abroad, the world will continue to look to Saudi Arabia for significant quantities of crude oil in the years ahead, McKinley observed.

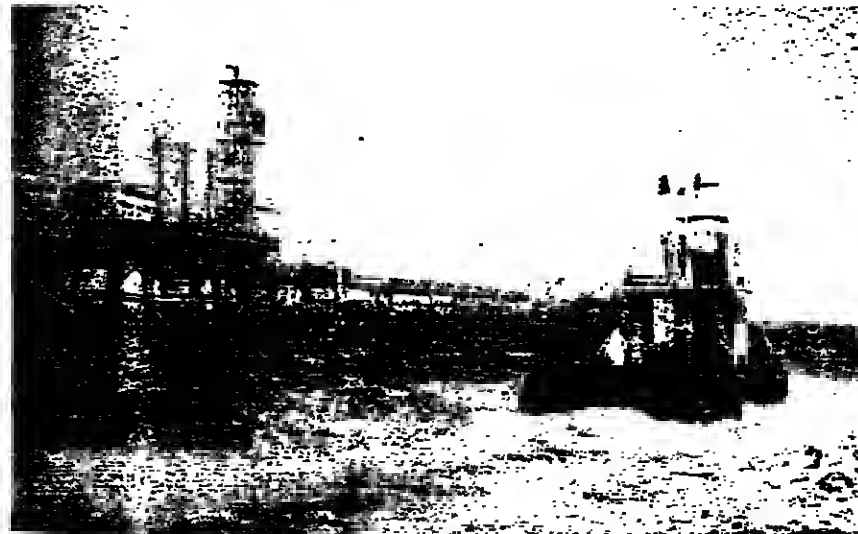
Electricity to be extended to 400 villages

JEDDAH, March 10 — The General Electricity Corporation in the next two years plans to extend electricity to 400 small towns and villages in Qasim through its 300,000 kilowatt generators, according to Dr. Mahmoud Taibah, the governor. Other large scale schemes are being undertaken in Hail, Al-Jauf and Najran which will be carried out in two to three years. The Qasim project alone will cost SR3 billion; Hail SR1.8 billion

and Najran SR1 billion.

According to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency's 1979 annual report, electricity generation in major cities of the Kingdom by private power companies reached 9,435 million Kwh in 1398 (1978), which was 35 per cent higher than 7,010 Kwh produced in 1397. In keeping with the rising demand for electricity, the power generating companies have undertaken substantial expansion programs, the report stated.

Most of these expansion projects undertaken by the private power companies are being financed by loans from the Saudi Industrial Development Fund approved loans totaling SR16.5 billion to 84 electric companies. Investment delays by the power companies totaled SR3.5 billion during the year as a result of which total generation capacity rose by 38.5 per cent from 2,841 megawatts in 1397 to 3,935 megawatts in 1398, the report added.



YANBU INSPECTION: A tug works its way around an offshore oil terminal at Yanbu industrial city during an inspection tour by Tabuk governor Prince Abdul Majid. At right Prince Majid studies the terminal's plans. The governor also has reported that studies are underway to build a port in the Northern Province. The port will be constructed either in Al-Wejh or in Daba city, he said.



Officials discuss Gulf TV plans

MUSCAT, March 10 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani Monday evening presided over a board meeting for the Gulf Television Organization. The members are discussing the organization's budget and plans for 1981 as well as its telecommunication projects.

Dr. Yamani leads the Kingdom's delegation to the Gulf Information Ministers Conference opening here Tuesday. On his arrival in the afternoon, Dr. Yamani was met by Abdul Aziz Al-Rawas, Oman's information minister; Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah Al-Mutlaq, the Kingdom's ambassador to Oman; and Dr. Abdul Aziz Khoja, the Saudi Arabian information undersecretary.

Earlier, in a departure statement in Manama, Dr. Yamani said he reviewed with the ruler the preliminary agenda of the information ministers conference and other issues of common interest. Referring to the Gulf Cooperation Council, he said, "We aspire for an integrated state and for the whole Gulf to speak one language as one man as we address the world; hence the need for coordination."

The minister described the council as the suitable framework for the countries of the area to pursue their economic and industrial development. "Meanwhile, the media should bear a great responsibility since they deal with Arab and Gulf problems and fate-determining issues," he added. He said the development boom witnessed in the Gulf is a genuine reflection of the way its nationals manage their work with wisdom.

Yamani urged pressmen to prove worthy of the responsibility and the trust placed in them by discharging their duty in consolidating the newly-created council. He hoped that the conference will be a success and have positive results to the benefit of Gulf and Arab problems.

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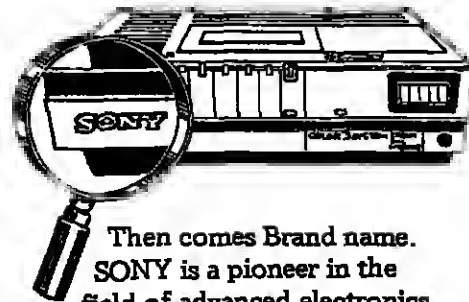
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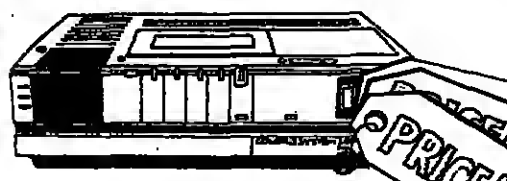
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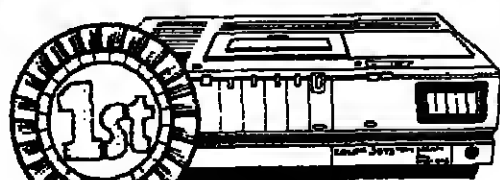
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They are not rebels, says Reagan

U.S. ready to arm Afghan fighters

WASHINGTON, March 10 (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan has said he would consider sending American weapons to fighters in Afghanistan who are trying to eject Soviet troops that have occupied that country since late 1979. Those are freedom fighters, Reagan said of them.

The administration of former President Jimmy Carter refused to discuss what — if anything — the United States was doing in support of the fighters. Several published

Libyan aims

worry Numeiri

KHARTOUM, March 10 (R) — Fears of Libyan-inspired subversion have put new burdens on Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri as he strives to pull Africa's biggest country through grim economic crisis. Problems are piling up for the Numeiri, whose 12-year rule has survived three serious coup attempts and numerous plots.

This thinly-populated nation of 18 million people has repeatedly been buffeted by civil wars and tribal feuds in eight of its neighboring states. Half a million refugees have spilled into Sudan from Ethiopia, Uganda and Chad. Khartoum is now looking with concern to its western borders with Chad, where Libyan forces have intervened in a long-running civil war. Sudanese officials fear this will be the prelude to Libyan meddling in Sudan.

It has come at a bad time for the president. There have been renewed rumblings of regional discontent, especially in the south, where fighters waged a 17-year campaign for secession from the Muslim north before a peaceful settlement in 1972.

Government expenditure in the words of one sympathetic Western expert, is "pretty well out of control" and the trade deficit is running at a \$1 billion a year — double the value of Sudanese exports.

reports last year said U.S. arms were being sent covertly to the fighters. The Soviet Union's main justification in sending troops to Afghanistan in December 1979 was that it was countering outside interference, although it never specifically accused any country.

Reagan, asked in an interview with ABC news if he would consider aiding Afghan fighters, replied: "Yes, with weapons." Asked how the Soviets might react, the president said, "I don't know that they could really have an objection to that. But I think it is something, as I say, to be considered."

Reagan objected to the term "Afghan rebels," saying, "sometimes I think the Soviet Union has been successful in their propaganda with getting us to use terms that semantically are incorrect. Those are freedom fighters," the president added. "Those are people fighting for their own country and not wanting to become a satellite state of the Soviet Union which came in and established a government of its choosing there, without regard to the feelings of the Afghans. And so, I think they are freedom fighters, not rebels."

Reagan also declared that it is within the vital interests of the United States to halt Communist subversion in the Western Hemisphere, specifically in El Salvador. Asked if the United States were prepared to fight to protect that vital interest, Reagan replied, "I don't think that that's going to be necessary. That hasn't been asked of us in El Salvador."

Reagan's announcement of U.S. readiness to send weapons to Afghan fighters appeared to represent a major change in U.S. policy, observers said here. During the past 15 months following the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, Washington has always denied Soviet charges that it was arming the fighters through Pakistan.

Reagan's statement came on the heels of continued threats by the new administration to counter what it has charged is a global Soviet

To strengthen defenses

U.S. ready to improve ties with Pakistan

By Tyler Marshall

ISLAMABAD, March 10 (LAT) — The United States appears to be ready to improve its troubled relations with Pakistan as part of an effort to strengthen defenses in the Gulf region.

No official proposal has been made, but it is considered likely that Arthur W. Hummel,

the U.S. ambassador here, will soon outline Reagan administration thinking on the subject of economic and military assistance. Hummel has been in Washington for consultations.

Neither side seems eager to reestablish the closer political ties that aid program would imply, yet both seem to realize that they have little in the way of an alternative.

Agha Shahi, Pakistan's foreign minister, said in an interview "If the Reagan administration can help us consolidate our independence with economic and military aid, it would help stabilize the entire region." From the U.S. point of view, Pakistan is the only nation in the region that is willing and able to play the role of buffer state against any Soviet move through Afghanistan toward the Gulf.

Also, an effective Pakistani army could form part of a broad security umbrella to protect U.S. oil sources in the region, notably Saudi Arabia. A negative factor, from Washington's standpoint, would be that any U.S. move to improve relations with Pakistan would strain Washington's ties with India.



President Ronald Reagan

military interference.

Indeed, during the ABC news interview, Reagan said he was determined to stop what he called Communist subversion.

Also Tuesday the administration announced its intention to submit to Congress a larger economic and military aid package for several Middle East and Southwest Asian countries.

Meanwhile, an Afghan opposition leader has said that an Afghan government-in-exile would be set up within two months.

Mubammad Amin Wakman, general secretary of the Afghan Social Democratic Party, told reporters Monday that efforts were under way to bring together Pakistan-based and other Afghan opposition groups to form a united national government-in-exile.

Israeli somersault in U.N.

Commando bid to cross into Israel foiled

METULLA, March 10 (Agencies) — United Nations peacekeeping forces in South Lebanon (UNIFIL) foiled two attempts Monday by armed Palestinian commandos to cross into Israel, a U.N. spokesman said Tuesday. Soldiers from UNIFIL's Nigerian contingent saw five armed Palestinians trying to cross the Litani River west of Yomhor at midday. They fled after the Nigerians fired

warning shots into the air, the spokesman said.

Four hours later, Dutch U.N. soldiers prevented five other commandos from entering the village of Haris. The U.N. troops fired smoke bombs and the Palestinians fled. Soon afterward, the Dutch position came under heavy fire for 20 minutes. There were no casualties. The U.N. spokesman refused to confirm or deny reports that UNIFIL troops had been put on full alert following these attempts.

Israel told the U.N. Security Council Monday that the recent attempts by the Palestinian commandos to fly from Lebanon into Israel using gliders were a new development with potentially serious implications. This is in sharp contrast with the statement of the Israeli Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Rappaport Eytan who said Sunday that the raids were not of a serious nature. He had said "I don't think we have to panic about."

In a letter to Council President Peter Florin of East Germany, Israeli U.N. representative Yehuda Blum said two such attempts were made Saturday using single-seater auxiliary engines.

Both commandos were caught and one was quoted as saying his mission was to take hostages and demand the release of other commandos held in Israeli jails, he said. Blum said the Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a group belonging to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), took responsibility for the attempts.

He added: "As is well known, the PLO has for years made repeated attempts to send its commandos by land and sea from Lebanon on missions against Israel's civilian population... Thus the attempts to fly into Israel represent a new departure with potentially serious implications. The government of Israel views this development with the utmost gravity."

Meanwhile, Palestinians attacked three Israeli buses traveling in the occupied West Bank during the night and one of the drivers suffered serious stab wounds, military sources said Tuesday.

They said the stabbing occurred on a bus traveling between Jerusalem and Bethlehem. The driver alleged two Arab passengers asked him to stop and they stabbed him in the face and back. He was found lying on the road near his empty bus.

Rocks were hurled at a bus traveling between the Arab towns of Nablus and Ramallah when it neared the Jalazun refugee camp. The sources said the driver reported that shots were fired as well.

Sarkis visits Syria

BEIRUT, March 10 (R) — Lebanese President Elias Sarkis left Tuesday for Damascus for talks with President Hafez Assad on Lebanese and regional problems.

Officials sources said the visit would last about 48 hours and discussions would cover security in Lebanon, tension in the southern areas bordering Israel, the Middle East crisis in general, and bilateral relations.

It will be the first meeting between the two presidents since May 1979. Syria, has some 30,000 troops in Lebanon acting as a peace keeping force.

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, (R) — Turkish Foreign Minister Ilter Turkmen will visit the United States at the invitation of the Reagan administration from March 31 to April 10, the State Department announced Monday. Turkmen will spend the first three days in Washington meeting Secretary of State Alexander Haig and other high officials.

HONG KONG, (AP) — The high court Monday sentenced a Pakistani film producer to seven years' imprisonment on charges of possessing and trafficking in drugs valued at \$120,000. Khawaja Arif Javed, 28, pleaded guilty to the charges.

CAIRO, (AP) — Former Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan arrived here Monday for talks with President Anwar Sadat although Egyptian officials label his visit as "private."

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — Fifteen persons were feared drowned when a boat ferrying a marriage party capsized in the River Cauvery in the Salem district, Tamil Nadu, south India, Sunday night, PTI news agency reported Monday. Seventeen of the 32 persons on board were rescued, the agency added. So far, eight bodies have been recovered.

Bani-Sadr-Rajai rift

Clergy puts pressure on Khomeini to mediate

BEIRUT, March 10 (Agencies) — Iran's Islamic clergy is pressuring Ayatollah Khomeini to take a stand on the increasingly bitter and violent power struggle between Iran's Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai and President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr.

Against the background of the 25-week Gulf war, the two often have squabbled over the conduct of the war, peace plans, the handling of the U.S. hostage crisis and the economy.

But Khomeini's intervention is increasingly being sought to end the squabbles that now are occupying Iran's leaders: who is responsible for the clashes between their club-wielding supporters that climaxed at Tehran University March 5, and for the failure of the government to fill five cabinet posts?

Tehran radio reported Monday that 130 religious revolutionary judges and prosecutors — all members of the pro-Rajai Islamic clergy — wrote to Khomeini complaining Bani-Sadr fomented disunity, chaos and clashes last Sept. 8 and March 5. The open letter also accused the president, who calls Rajai "incompetent," of gathering around him members of the late Shah's secret police and other "anti-revolutionary groups and bankrupt nationalities."

In the wake of the clashes, Khomeini remained aloof, calling for prosecution of anti-Islamic opposition, and then announcing he would make no more public or private appearances until March 14. The guide of the two-year revolution has been the moving force behind all resolutions taken by the Islamic republic since it supplanted the Shah in 1979. It was his conditions for release of the U.S. hostages that were finally approved by parliament last November.

He has, however, used his power sparingly and taken no firm position on the deep secular-clergy schism represented by the power struggle. Iranian sources here say the clergy is opposed by Iran's traditionally powerful merchant class and by the middle class

— two groups instrumental in ousting the late Shah.

Khomeini has often warned that the clergy must not be isolated and tucked away in a corner as it was during the Shah's rule, but he has often appeared to be supporting Bani-Sadr against the clergy with its influence and communications network reaching into Iran's tiniest village.

Khomeini apparently leaned toward Bani-Sadr on the issue of appointing leaders for the ministries of justice, finance, commerce and foreign affairs, saying more than once that the clergy should not interfere in matters they are not competent to handle.

Since the parliament was formed 10 months ago, Bani-Sadr has refused to approve Rajai's nominees for those positions, leaving them vacant and himself open to clergy charges he is weakening government at war.

The government-linked daily Kayhan quoting informed sources said Monday two of the three cabinet posts will be filled by Mustapha Mir Salim (foreign affairs) and Kazem Zadeh (commerce).

The unified portfolio is that of economy and finance. Salim was deputy interior minister for political and social affairs. Zadeh's background is not known.

Meanwhile, Iran has asked Turkey to explain why it has built military fortifications near the Iranian border, the governor-general of Iran's West Azerbaijan province has said. Governor Hussein Taheri told Reuters that Turkish border officials had told him the fortifications, which were started three four months ago, were for the protection of border guards.

"So far, we have not seen any hostile act by Turkey," he added. Meanwhile, the official Pars News Agency reported that four Iraqi missiles destroyed several buildings in residential areas of Ahwaz, capital of Southern Khuzestan province, Sunday night but there were no casualties.

Minister alleges

Bani-Sadr linked with subversion

TEHRAN, March 10 (AFP) — An influential minister of state Tuesday accused President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr of being linked with a subversive movement aiming to topple the Iranian government. Behzad Nabavi, minister of state in charge of executive affairs, claimed at a news conference here that a movement existed to weaken and overthrow the government, and he added: "The president of the republic is involved."

The minister warned him to take heed of a declaration by Ayatollah Khomeini that any attempt to erode the power of the government was treason. On the fighting which broke out Thursday during a speech by

Bani-Sadr at Tehran University, Nabavi said violence had been planned "in the framework of a general plan" with collaboration of several anti-revolutionary groups.

The long-running quarrel between Bani-Sadr and Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai over the naming of three new ministers meanwhile spilled over into parliament Tuesday, one week after the president announced that the matter had been settled.

Three "liberal" M.P. walked out to prevent a quorum being reached for a vote on a bill authorizing Rajai provisionally to run the three ministries, which have been vacant since his cabinet was formed in September

Egypt, France sign energy pacts

CAIRO, March 10 (AP) — Egyptian and French energy officials initialed a nuclear power cooperation agreement and an accompanying protocol accord, the official Middle East News Agency reported.

The agreement in principle was signed during a visit to Paris by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in February. It provides for the sale by France to Egypt of two 1,000-megawatt nuclear power plants, plus the necessary fuel and technology.

The agreement was signed by the executive officer of Egypt's Nuclear Plants Authority,

Engineer Ahmad Fahmy Abdul-Sattar and the French deputy minister of industry and energy, whose name was given by the Agency as Monsieur de Longstan.

The final agreement is scheduled to be signed in Paris at the end of March.

Energy Minister Maher Abaza told reporters after the initialed that this was the first step toward achieving Egypt's nuclear energy program which calls for the establishment of eight nuclear energy plants with a total production of 8,000-megawatts by the year 2000, the agency said.

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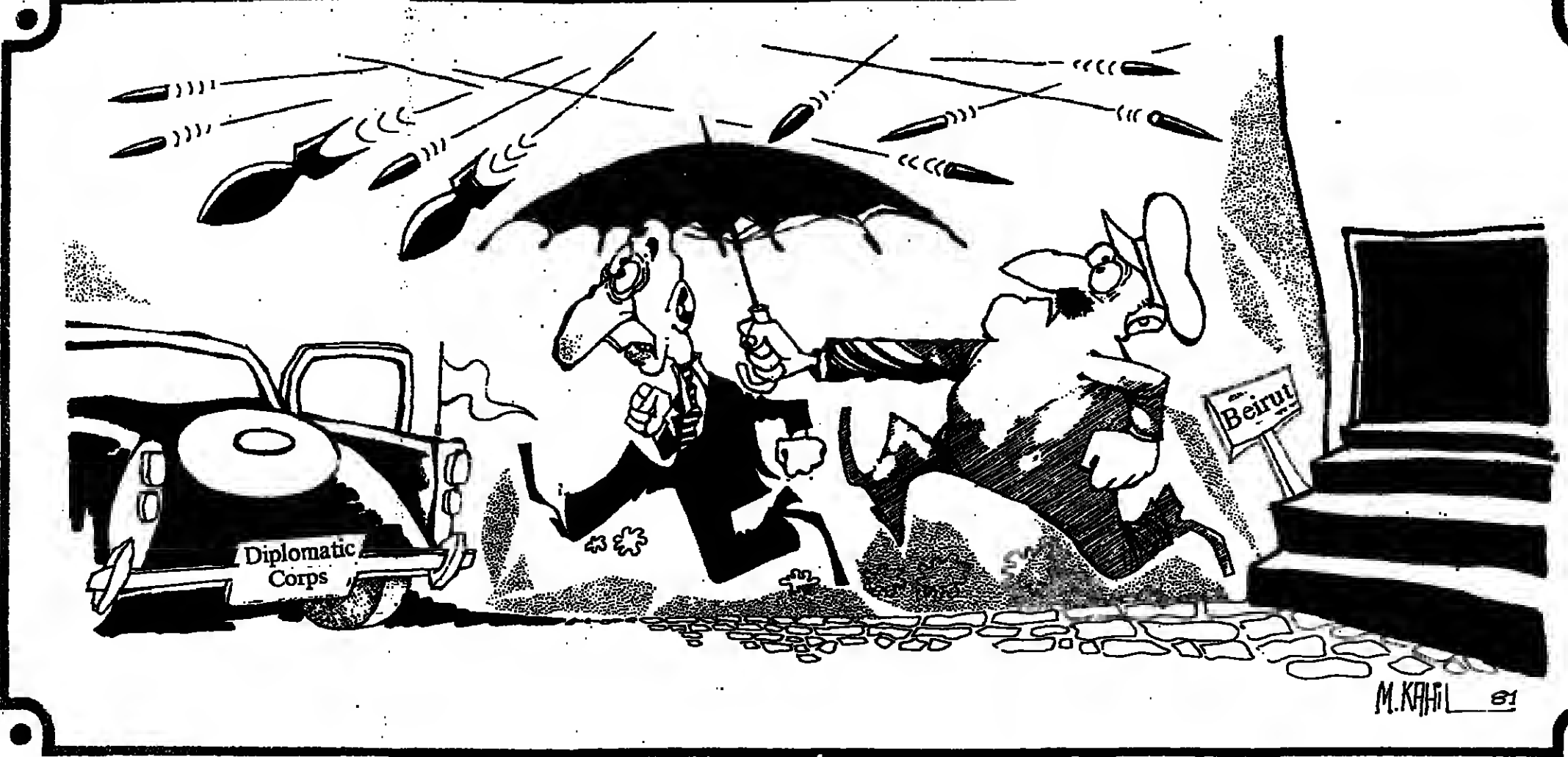
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W. Europe urges U.S.-Soviet talks on N-arms

By Leonard Downie Jr.

WASHINGTON — Western European leaders are warning the Reagan administration that Washington must make an effort to resume nuclear arms talks with the Soviet Union soon or risk a serious loss of support in Europe for NATO deployment of a new generation of nuclear-tipped missiles there. The warnings that a failure to create at least the appearance of a dialogue with the Soviets on arms control will strengthen domestic opposition to the new missile deployment have been conveyed in Washington by the foreign ministers of Britain, France and Italy and by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher during visits last month.

From the European perspective, this concern has had at least as high a priority in these introductory contacts as the administration's insistence call for support on El Salvador has had for the Americans. The Europeans are asking President Reagan and Secretary of State Alexander Haig Jr. to recognize problems that the West German, Italian and British governments face in going ahead with deployment of the new North Atlantic Treaty Organization nuclear weapons on their soil — or for the Belgian and Dutch governments, which have postponed decisions, eventually to join them.

Thus far, the discussion has been framed in general terms. France is not of NATO's military organization and has been careful in its private and public comments to steer clear of the specifics of the theater nuclear force modernization plan.

But the West German government is expected to suggest specifically that the Reagan administration resume the adjourned Geneva talks on so-called "Eurostrategic" nuclear weapons and, as a first

step, officials in Bonn have told *The Washington Post* the West Germans want the NATO allies to meet in Brussels this spring to work out a coordinated position to present to the Soviets.

The U.S.-Soviet talks opened in Geneva last October as a result of a Soviet initiative conveyed through West German Chancellor Helmut Schmit. The Europeans also have sought in their talks in Washington to define ways to improve the means for consultation and coordination and to convince the Reagan administration of the desirability of a European initiative on the Palestinian problem in the Middle East.

On arms control, Reagan said after his meeting with Thatcher at the White House last month that he is joined in reaffirming the Atlantic Alliance decision in December 1979 both to modernize NATO's medium-range nuclear weapons in Western Europe "and to pursue arms control efforts at the same time, in parallel."

This is what the Europeans wanted to hear. But they are worried that the Reagan administration will not move as quickly or purposefully to resume arms talks with Moscow as it will to push for a Western arms buildup. European diplomats say this could make their government much more vulnerable to growing left-wing opposition to higher defense spending and deployment of the new NATO nuclear weapons on European soil.

The Europeans say they are getting their message across, but they do not know whether Washington will act on their advice. One official in Bonn said the West German government had detected in its discussions with the Reagan administration "a hangup about arms control."

Thatcher and the European foreign ministers visiting here also have found the new administration

still largely unprepared to make specific policy decisions on this and the other issues crucial to its relationship with the allies, particularly the question of the Palestinians. Thatcher tried to put the best light on this by telling reporters here that she was "very impressed with the amount of care and thought that is being given to working out the policies on almost each and every one of the international problems and not to pronounce before those policies are fully worked out."

Senior European diplomats say they see the Soviet and NATO buildup of theater nuclear weapons in Europe as the central issue between East and West today. Their comments suggest the administration has not been forthcoming on whether it will seek a new version of the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II).

Reagan had attacked the original version negotiated with the Soviet by the Carter administration. Carter declined to present it to the Senate last year after the Soviets sent troops into Afghanistan.

The NATO allies decided unanimously in December 1979 to deploy 108 Pershing II and 464 ground-launched Cruise missiles in Western Europe beginning in 1983 to counter the ongoing Soviet deployment of medium-range nuclear missiles targeted on Europe. But the Europeans insisted that the deployment decision be coupled with a determined effort to negotiate an agreement that would limit the Soviet deployment and make some or all of the new NATO nuclear missiles unnecessary.

West Germany also wanted another European ally besides Britain to join it in allowing the new NATO missiles to be deployed at bases on its soil. Only Italy has firmly decided to do so. (WP)

Beirut diplomats live in fear

By Sean Toolan

BEIRUT — An ominous theory is making the rounds here that the violence against diplomats in Beirut being organized by Lebanese Christians in an effort to persuade them to move embassies and residences across the "green line" that separates the Christian and Muslim communities. The latest victim was an Iraqi diplomat and his driver who were dead in an ambush.

The Iraqi's car was on its way to the Iraqi embassy in west Beirut, when another car intercepted it and sprayed the vehicle with automatic weapons fire. Police say they have found no motive for the attack but that it is a cold comfort for the Iraqi community. They and their families lived in a state of acute tension since Feb. 6, when the senior Jordanian diplomat in Lebanon kidnapped from his home in west Beirut by armed men, who, during a 30-minute gun battle, killed three persons and wounded two others. Jordanian, Hisham Mohaisen, the charge d'affaires, is still missing.

More worrying still is the admission by Lebanese that they have only eight armored cars to spare for embassy protection, and enough men to mount a round-the-clock guard. There is no shortage of soldiers in the city — 25,000 heavily armed Syrian troops checkpoints throughout Beirut, but their job stop private armies crossing the green line.

It is, however, unlikely and the Lebanese government will ask the Syrians to mount emb guards, and if asked, it is less likely the Syrians agree.

After the Jordanian was kidnapped, command of the Palestine Liberation Organization pro some Arab embassies and a Muslim militia garrisoned checkpoints around the Iranian embassy.

The American embassy is guarded by a troops of the Lebanese Internal Security Force paramilitary police group, and a detachment of United States Marine Corps who perform security duties inside the embassy. Even so, the command force could not stop a rocket attack on the emb late last year. The rockets fell short but the embassy was made.

The British embassy is guarded internally by its own forces, thought to be ex-members of Special Air Service Regiment. One embassy spokesman leave for their Beirut homes, there is a strong feeling to protect them.

Beirut is partitioned in every way but name. Beirut is controlled by militia groups and Syrian troops brought in in 1976 to end the civil war. They control the streets and carry out security duties which the Lebanese government should be responsible. Most Christians live on the east side of the city. The Christian Phalangists are the dominant force in the east. They control the streets, collect their own taxes, clean their own streets, have their own army, and are determined to drive the Syrian troops and the 500,000 Palestinians out of Lebanon. Phalangist-owned radio station and newspaper constantly appealing to the diplomats, 90 per cent of whom live and work in west Beirut, to move the east.

The diplomats are unlikely to move because they would give the Phalangists the one thing they apparently think they need: respectability. (C)

A BATTLE OF WITS

The Palestinian hang glider raids on Israel mark a novel departure in the methods used by the commandos in attacking their enemy. Israeli reactions started by dismissing such attempts as trivial. But later worry was expressed, and calls were made for careful study of the new danger.

The hang glider has a great deal to recommend it as a means of infiltration: It is silent and, given enough handling skill, quite maneuverable. It is cheap and very easy to obtain, as any visit to a good sporting equipment shop will show. It is difficult to detect by radar. Its main drawback is that it does not carry enough weight. But no doubt the Palestinians are working on that.

This method of fighting has of course still to prove itself. But it already has something of a history. Nationalist and Communist Chinas used regularly to float balloons laden with propaganda material across the water against each other. The only requirement was to wait for the appropriate direction for the wind.

The Vietcong, according to reports, put balloons to more deadly use, loading them with incendiaries and explosives and then letting them fly against the enemy. These proved, as it was reported at the time, extremely effective, not least psychologically. The terror from the sky always struck suddenly. It was always launched at night so that it could not be seen. And radar could not register it because of the lightness of its material.

The battle between the Palestinians and Israelis has always been, among other things, a battle of wits. And in this the Palestinians, with the less equipment and manpower at their disposal, have almost always had to play the role of the innovator. It remains to be seen how far the Palestinians will be able to develop their new weapon.

Mugabe consolidates position

By Jack Foise

SALISBURY — Prime Minister Robert Mugabe, in putting down last month's small-scale but bloody mutiny within the Zimbabwe army, used the occasion to further erode the political influence of his disgruntled rival, Joshua Nkomo. Another significant result of the revolt was to brighten even more the image of Emmerson Mnangagwa, who has risen during the first year of the Mugabe government to control the armed services and the intelligence services.

Mugabe gave the orders last month, but left their implementation to Mnangagwa, who is sometimes referred to as "iron-fisted" even by the prime minister. And it was Mnangagwa who decided that the mutiny called for bringing in white-officered black troops for the first time since Mugabe took office.

At the time of the decision, Nkomo's armed supporters were on the march and defying authority in five locations around Bulawayo, the country's second-largest city. Nkomo, an old-line black nationalist now in his 60s, has been gradually losing his political clout in the Mugabe coalition government, for his support in the Ndebele tribe is centered in western Zimbabwe. Mugabe's Shona tribe is much larger and spread over most of the remainder of the country.

In a recent cabinet reshuffle, Nkomo was moved from minister of home affairs, which includes control of the police, and the post was given to Mugabe confidant, Richard Hove. Nkomo ended up in the empty job of minister without portfolio. Foreign diplomats believe that Mugabe intends to weaken Nkomo's political position even further, thus making Zimbabwe effectively a one-party state, which it pretty much is already.

To consolidate its control, the Mugabe government has used its ownership of radio and TV, inherited from the previous white government, to almost eliminate favorable broadcast mention of Nkomo and his political party, now known as the Patriotic Front.

The troops called out to restore order in last month's fighting were the former Rhodesian African Rifles — a unit that had fought for the white government during the seven-year conflict with the guerrillas of Mugabe and Nkomo. Although integrated into Zimbabwe's new national army, soldiers of the African Rifles received little respect from the guerrillas who were also being put into the new army. Yet when it came to putting down the rebellion, Mnangagwa used the old "enemy" unit and, under its white junior officers, the former African Rifles ruthlessly did their job.

One of its officers is William Fleetwood, a former U.S. army ranger from Mill City, Ore. "The fighting was like old times" Fleetwood said.

About 200 people, including some civilians, were killed during the brief rebellion and its suppression. Nkomo's adherents suffered most in the outbreak, but the casualty total cannot be exact because the Nkomo guerrillas dragged away and privately buried some of their dead — a guerrilla tactic to disguise losses.

In the ceasefire arranged last month, representatives of Nkomo and Mugabe accepted the need to reduce friction caused by historic tribal differences. For a time, guerrillas loyal to each leader who presently were incorporated into the same national army units will be kept apart. Troop movements to achieve their separation were completed when guerrilla supporters of Nkomo were trucked from Bulawayo to temporary quarters at an army shooting range 18 miles away. The Mugabe guerrillas have moved to a similar installation.

The Nkomo group refused at first to move because Mnangagwa insisted that both sides be disbanded before traveling, as a further precaution against new troubles starting. They finally agreed to give up their weapons save for a few that Mugabe conceded that they could keep "for self defense."

Mnangagwa, despite his reputation for toughness, displays no signs of it. He is a quiet-speaking 37-year-old lawyer, who became close to Mugabe during the guerrilla fighting against white rule. As head of Zimbabwe's joint high command, he deals with the commanders of all three of the major military forces involved in the war of liberation that led to independence from Britain and majority black rule a year ago.

Mnangagwa's appointment means that Mugabe now controls the integrated 11,000-men national army. He was planning to increase its size to 35,000 men as an integrated force, but because of last month's disruptive fighting the plans for growth have had to be shelved. (LAT)

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Tuesday mostly led with the meetings of Arab foreign ministers of the Gulf now being held in Muscat. They said the Gulf summit conference would take place in Abu Dhabi Rajab 22 (May 26). In a lead story, *Al Riyadh* quoted Riyadh Governor Prince Salman as saying the new government system would accommodate the people's needs and the national character.

Al-Jazira gave lead coverage to a statement by Taha Yassin Ramadan, Iraq's first deputy premier and commander of the popular army, in which he was reported to have said that Crown Prince Fahd has shown clear understanding of Iraq's stance on the settlement of the conflict with Iran.

Newspapers frontpaged a report on the arrival of the hijacked Pakistani airliner in Damascus and the hijackers' decision to reduce their demands after the Pakistani president's appeal for help to the leaders of the world. They further gave prominence to the meetings of the Gulf Arab information ministers beginning in Muscat Tuesday.

Crown Prince Fahd's praise of King Abdul Aziz University's college of medicine and science was carried prominently on page one in *Al-Bilad*, while *Al-Yom* warned against a fresh Israeli assault on South Lebanon in retaliation of the commando air activity.

Newspaper editorials continued to comment on the Gulf Arab ministers' meeting in Muscat, reaffirming the fact that the states of the Gulf have taken firm steps toward a regular cooperation and coordination among themselves. They said the

Gulf Cooperation Council and the positive circumstances surrounding it provide a strong indication of the presence of a comprehensive strategy among the states of the region.

In an editorial, *Al Medina* observed that the framework organizing the activity of the cooperation council would provide a tangible start toward the realization of the basic objectives of the council. The main achievement of the council would lie in its strength as a unified and coordinated body set to tackle the various issues in a systematic manner. The paper made it clear that any foreign intervention in the affairs of the Gulf would be unacceptable, and said further that talks about the region's interests falling into danger are mere attempts to make an entry into the region on one pretext or the other.

On the same subject, *Okaz* noted that the states of the Gulf are taking firm steps toward the realization of greater cooperation among themselves. These states are doing so not because the surrounding circumstance necessitate such an action, but because they are keen to map a strategy for the future and to keep with the events, it said. The paper added that the ongoing meetings in Muscat would be symbolic of the aspirations and sincere efforts of the states of the region and their leaders toward achieving unity and solidarity.

Al-Bilad said the Gulf region is surrounded by challenges and will have to play a pioneering role in securing every positive channel for the realization of the objectives of stability and security for

the region. It added that the meetings of the Gulf Arab foreign ministers would give a renewed vision of the basic dimensions for the achievement of the cherished objectives. The paper said further that the region, with all its cultural heritage and values, has successfully asserted its personality and proved that the peoples of the Gulf can play a positive role in safeguarding their achievements.

It added that the challenge facing the foreign and information ministers is not only to realize specific objectives but to work to give prominence to the political, economic and information progress of the region before the world.

Al-Yom described the Gulf Cooperation Council as a "serious step" toward opening wider avenues for joint Arab action. It reaffirmed that the council is the beginning of the road to the major objectives of the Arab nation, and added that the council's creation has realized a tangible reality that was being looked for by the peoples of the region.

Al-Nadwa said that the meetings in Muscat take place at a crucial stage of Arab and international relations. The region has become the center of considerable weight at Arab and international levels, it said, adding that the foreign ministers' decision on the Gulf summit conference next May is a step toward the achievement of the objectives of the Gulf states. The achievements of the foreign and information ministers in their meetings in Muscat would provide a prominent beginning for serious and responsible action at the Gulf level, the paper said.



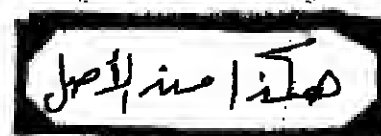
Letters to the editor

Sir,
Being a regular reader of *Arab News*, I appreciate the outstanding performance of the paper compared to other international dailies. This newspaper is doing a lot in the field of communication highlighting the present hot crises in the world. Illustration with excellent photographs and of daily features (cartoons, "Good Morning", "Comment") etc. give more fascination to the newspaper. Above all appreciations, I have a suggestion you, to start a weekend edition with Islamic stories, selected poems and literature.

Best regards,
R.K. Abdul Raheem
Rab Mecca,
Jeddah.

Sir,
My name is Robert Mills, I am 19 years old I live in Riyadh. I am a keen squash player but I found nowhere to play, as yet. I have heard of new Riyadh Bowling Club but I cannot afford membership fee.
If there is anyone who can help me, I will greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely,
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Lucerne group entertains audience in town

By Kathy Lund

JEDDAH — Artists are thought to have the perfect life — living from what they enjoy doing most. But everything has its "Catch 22". For members of the Lucerne String Quartet the catch comes in having to compromise a little in some of their musical activities so that they can devote some time to their favorite pursuit.

And for each member the ultimate musical pleasure is playing as a quartet. "It's a personal thing," says group's founder Gurnar Larsens. "For each of us playing as a quartet gives the greatest pleasure because such a grouping is the best way to present chamber music. It offers the widest variety of sound."

However, a vicious circle sets in because it is time-consuming to present concerts.

Organization of a program and rehearsals needs a lot of preparation. Each member must have regular commitments to be able to afford financially for his (or her) favorite pursuit.

But regular work takes up so much of time that it is difficult to arrange more than six or seven concerts each year as a quartet. So, people in Jeddah and Riyadh are lucky to have heard the quartet, visiting the Kingdom under the auspices of the Swiss embassy, which gave two concerts, each in Jeddah and Riyadh, recently.

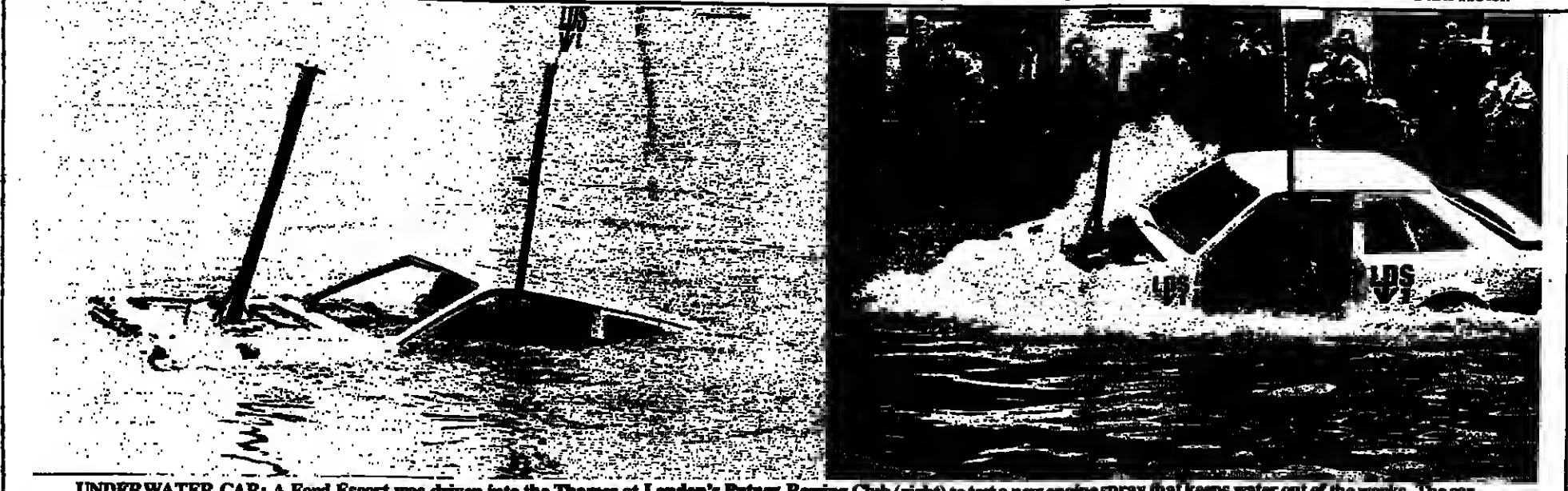
The quartet comprises Curdin Coray who plays cello; Michel Rouilly, who plays viola; Anna Lindal, who plays second violin; and Gurnar Larsens on first violin. The four met as members of the Lucerne festival strings and orchestra which is held annually in

Lucerne at the end of summer. Members of the Lucerne String Quartet have other musical commitments too. Larsens is a teacher of violin at the Lucerne Conservatory; Lindal and Rouilly play for the Swiss German Radio Orchestra; and Coray plays with an orchestra in the Swiss town of St. Gallen.

"Although we are involved with other's orchestras we all find that playing as a quartet is most personally fulfilling," said Larsens. "It's the nicest way of making a concert. Chamber music was meant to be played in a room to a small audience. It is a more personal experience than playing in a fuller orchestra with many more musicians." At their concerts in the Kingdom the group performed works by Dimitri Shostakovich, Franz Schubert and Johannes Brahms. Besides playing classical compositions the

quartet also played some of contemporary pieces. The Finnish composer, Joonas Kokkonen, awarded the quartet the honor of presenting the first performance in Switzerland of his string quartet no. 3. On a different note they made the first recording of the string quartet no. 2 by Peter Benary, for Radio Basle.

Larsens said the quartet came into being when its original four members started playing together "just for fun." Since then there have been two changes in membership, numerous concert appearances throughout Europe and great acclaim as a quartet. Prof. E. Schweri, the conductor, said the group had "extraordinarily exceeded my highest expectations." The quartet's concerts in the Kingdom were organized by the Jeddah Committee and sponsored by the Swiss Embassy, Swiss Air and the Nova Park Hotel.



UNDERWATER CAR: A Ford Escort was driven into the Thames at London's Putney Rowing Club (right) to test a new engine spray that keeps water out of the works. The car, fitted with pipes to the surface for its air intake and exhaust, was driven under 6 feet of water. A new chemical spin off from the U.S. space research kept the battery and lights working. The test was conducted by car care chemicals company, Holt Lloyd Limited. At left the car is emerging intact from the water.

Islam's 14th centenary fete in U.S.

By Tom Canahuate
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A Washington-based committee to commemorate the 14th centennial of Islam has announced that plans for two exhibitions, the *Heritage of Islam* and the *Symbols of Faith*, have been finalized. The *Heritage of Islam* designed as a traveling exhibition, will open in Houston in March 1982, while the *Symbols of Faith* exhibit will be shown in December 1981 through April 1982 at the Explorer's Hall of the National Geographic Society in Washington. The National Committee to Honor the Fourteenth Centennial of Islam, shortened to Islam Centennial Fourteen (ICF), was first conceived in 1978 when a group of individuals, mostly Americans, from Washington's intellectual and cultural centers met informally to discuss ways of improving cultural relations between America and the Muslim nations.

When the U.S. and those who adhere to the world's second largest and fastest growing faith, and who reside in some 60 countries, is critical to America's evolving relations in the Muslim world."

Battle underscored this statement when he explained that "from our viewpoint here in the U.S., Islam is troubled, troublesome and changing. But it also has strength, dynamism, and promise. We need to understand that culture and that civilization in order to deal today with its leaders and its peoples." The ICF is celebrating the founding of Islam 14 centuries ago with a broad national education program aimed at providing Americans with some basic knowledge of Islam and the contribution Islamic civilization has made to the West. Besides exhibits, films, lectures, publications, and educational materials for schools will be organized.

They are also establishing a national network of regional committees to coordinate lectures, conferences, and other activities as well as distribute films and information packets. The center piece of the ICF project is the *Heritage of Islam* exhibit which is slated to travel to 8 or 9 cities during its two-year tour. The centennial committee has been working on this exhibit for the past two years and has developed an international show. The exposition will have over 200 objects many of which are being loaned by the British Museum, the Louvre, the Gulbenkian Museum in Lisbon, and the Benaki Museum in Athens. Furthermore, many of the objects are being shown publicly in the U.S. for the first time.

The presentation will focus primarily on Islamic art and science featuring such items as ornately decorated Qurans, prayer rugs, textiles, pottery, glasswares, and metalwork. These artifacts will be complemented by models, photographs accompanied by wall-texts, and audiovisual displays. The exhibit

The show starts with an orientation area which briefly provides some background to Islamic history and an introduction to the exhibit. The *Arts of the Mosque* section is next and features the architecture of Islamic holy places such as the great congregational mosques and smaller shrines. The third area is devoted to Qurans and Muslim calligraphy, "for calligraphy is at once the vehicle of the revelation and the language of the Qurano-Islam's spiritual foundation in visual form as well as the prime visual symbol of Muslim culture." In contrast to the artistic themes in the previous sections, the fourth area traces Muslim influence on Western civilization by concentrating on the scientific dimensions of this influence. On display are the various instruments used by Muslim scientists in mathematics, astronomy, physics, engineering, medicine, botany, and zoology.



William R. Crawford, executive director of Islam Centennial Fourteen, will be organized into six sections covering approximately 500 sq. meters and will be designed in modular units facilitating the travelling and the setting-up of the exposition.

The fifth area centers on the utensils used in Muslim daily life such as metalwares, ceramics, textiles, and glass products. These items were included in the exhibit because the "nature of these implements and often their decorations, as well, reveal much about the culture and the philosophical concerns of Muslim society." The final section is reserved for Islamic music and poetry with illustrated manuscripts of classical poetry and national epics along with recorded samples of songs and poems. In addition to these displays the ICF is preparing a 25-minute film showing the diversity of the Muslim people and a short slide-show high-lighting Islamic art, design, and architecture.

Collins said that both presentations convey a sense of the old and the new in Muslim society. She also said, referring to the captivity of the American hostages in Iran and the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, that recent "events have shown this effort to be more timely than ever, and the need greater than ever to dispel misunderstanding and misapprehension." The ICF plans to distribute the film and slide-show to high schools and universities once the exhibit has finished its tour.

The ICF is also organizing a smaller exhibit entitled the *Symbols of Faith* to be shown in Washington. This display honors the three monotheistic religions and shows the common heritage that all three share. Each faith will be represented by distinctive religious symbols such as Christian icons, Muslim prayer rug, and Jewish menorahs. This exhibit concentrates on three areas: the principal tenets of each religion, the common historical-origins and ethical values among the three, and the historical background and significance of each religious item.

The major theme of the show was to "emphasize the common moral and ethical tradition that, as people of greatly diverse origins and religious beliefs, as Christians and Jews alike, we nevertheless share with Islam." The "Symbols of Faith" will open during the holiday season in 1981, centering around Christmas, Hanukkah, and either the Eid or Muhammad's birthday. Collins gave assurances that the ICF's programs "will not promote specific religious or political viewpoints of any kind." Their programs "derive from a conviction that the Christian, Muslim, and Jewish cultures share important universal values."

The ICF receives funds for its activities from corporate contributions, and donations from foundations and private individuals.

In the past it has procured funds from Standard Oil of California, the Shell Co. Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the U.S. International Communications Agency. The ICF has made it a policy to refuse funds from foreign governments. Crawford said that "we are Americans," and "as a matter of policy respectfully decline financial support from foreign governments. Financial resources should be sought from American sources."

Eiffel Tower to get facelift

By Paul Webster

PARIS (ONS) — A \$43.2-million facelift is to be carried out on the Eiffel Tower in the first major repair work carried out since its construction in 1889. The Paris City Council has given its go-ahead to the operation which will cost \$43.2 million compared to the \$1.4 million for the original 300-meter high structure.

A new company, in which the City Council has a 30 per cent interest, has taken over from the private firm that was formed by Gustave Eiffel himself but which could not afford to carry out the repair work. The most urgent work involves replacing the hydraulic lifts which are now considered unsafe. The third floor of the monument, which attracts an annual 3.5 million tourists, has had to be closed.

While the three years of work are in progress — the same it took Eiffel to build the tower — tourists will be allowed to climb to the two lower platforms. In addition to replacing the hydraulic lifts with electric equipment, the lowest platform will be reinforced to accommodate the 27 shops that are now spread about the tower. A restaurant will also be opened on the second platform as part of what the City Council describes as a plan to make the tower "more welcoming, lively and safe."

The most important innovation will be a tribute to Eiffel that has been put off for 90 years. The small office and sitting-room he had at the top of the tower is to be renovated with his original telescopes put in position alongside the more modern binoculars. Eventually, a museum tracing the three years in which the tower was for the Paris Exhibition of 1889 will be opened in the basement.



RENOVATION: Eiffel Tower, the world-famous tourist attraction, will undergo renovation soon. Built by Gustave Eiffel in 1889, the Tower gives a breath-taking view of Paris.

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Nastase fined

Connors records facile win

BRUSSELS, Belgium March 10 (AP) — Jimmy Connors of the United States won his first game Monday in the \$175,000 Belgian Indoor Tennis championship beating Andres Gomez of Ecuador 6-0, 6-4.

It took Connors — the championship's number 2 seed after Bjorn Borg of Sweden — only an hour to send the left-handed Gomez back to the locker room.

The championship at Brussels' Forest National Sports Complex is one of eight tournaments for the World Series of Tennis which will wind up in Dallas, Texas, on May 3.

Players are awarded points according to their standing in the tournaments. Still to be played are tournaments in Rotterdam, Milan, Frankfurt and Houston.

Organizers here fined Iie Nastase of Romania \$750 for failing to show up on Monday. Nastase reportedly missed his plane in Denver and was replaced by Pavel Htuka of Czechoslovakia who was eliminated in qualifying matches.

The first round results: Wojtek Fibak (Poland) beat John Feaver (U.K.) 6-3, 6-1; Sandy Mayer (USA) beat Andreas Maurer (W. Germany) 6-2, 6-4; Pavel Stozil (Czech) beat Mario Martinez (Col) 6-1, 6-2; Kim Warwick (Australia) beat Alain Brichant (Belgium) 3-6, 6-1, 7-5; Jimmy Connors (USA) beat Andres Gomez (Ecuador): 6-0, 6-4.

Meanwhile unseeded Sammy Giammalva upset No. 3 Terry Moor 6-0, 4-6, 6-2 in first-round action of the \$75,000 Roznson's Tennis Open Monday.

Also, in opening round play, No. 5 Phil Dent disposed of unseeded Steve Krulavitz 6-2, 6-3.

Unseeded Marco Ostaja took a set off No. 4 Tom Gullikson before Gullikson took command 7-6, 4-6, 6-3. Tom Wilkinson beat Paul Kron 6-4, 6-4 in a battle of unseeded contenders for the \$15,000 first place prize money and 75 Volvo Grand Prix points.

In Dallas, Texas — Mary Lou Piatek of Muesster, Indiana, upset No. 8 seed Barbara Potter of Woodbury, Connecticut, 6-4, 6-2 Monday in the first round of the Avon Championships of Dallas.

Potter, a finalist in the Seattle Women's Pro Tennis tour week before last, served six aces, but two double faults and a series of errors at the net to enable Piatek to take over the match.

In other action Monday, Betsy Nagelsen of Venice, Florida, came from behind to defeat Pam Teeguarden of Los Angeles, California, 3-6, 7-6, 6-1 and Roberta McCalum of Beverly Hills, California, eliminated Ava Pfaff of West Germany 6-4, 7-6.

In a preliminary round match, Felicia Raschiatore of San Antonio defeated Jennifer Mundel of South Africa 6-2, 6-1, to win a place in the first round where she will play No. 4 seed Billy Jean King.



CAUGHT: The camera catches a rider as he flies over one of the jumps at Friday's motocross.

Belgian, Swedish riders dominate

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, March 10 — Belgium and Sweden dominated the Motocross action in Jeddah last weekend, winning all five classes in EMCA's most successful meet to date. The Belgium families of Maquiny and Binst took home four trophies gaining three firsts and a third in the small bike races while Morgao Rosbo and Rooney Tuvesson, both from Sweden, took the honors in the bigger bike events.

The EMCA will be hosting another meet on April 3, also at their track near the Petro-Tank Farm on Medina Road, and expect the growing crowds to prove that Motocross is the most popular spectator sport in Jeddah. An estimated fifteen hundred people turned out for last weekend's meet and the total of 49 competitors also showed an increase on the last event in January.

The big surprise of the meet came from Marc Maquiny, only 14 years old, who took top honors in the senior 125 cc event, forcing strong favorite Josse Binst into third place. Maquiny decided to move up from the 100cc class because of his size and obviously found the extra power of the 125 to his liking.

Shawki Sharkis found his luck too out after leading for six laps in the first of the two 125cc races. Mechanical problems forced him out of the race and possibly cost him the trophy. He took second position in the second race and managed an overall sixth place. He will be eyeing the April meet impatiently for the chance to prove himself. With Stefan Flatau (Germ.) taking second place to confirm his rapidly improving form, this could be the event to watch in future meets.

In Alireza cricket

Yellow Rose routs JCC

By Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 10 — Red Sea maintained their eight point lead in the Alireza Cricket League when Shalimar failed to appear for their match Friday, and stay unbeaten with maximum points from 11 matches. Yellow Rose kept in contact with the leader, crushing JCC by 10 runs and tie equal on 36 points with Shalimar and Pak Saudi.

Rose batted first and a magnificent 85 from Musrat, assisted by Amfad (30) and Assad (32) took them to 171 for three. However, some fine bowling from Iqbal (4 for 46) helped skittle the remaining batsmen for only 37, leaving JCC to chase 208. Rose bowling, though, was equal to their batting and JCC were hounded out for a mere 98 in 28 overs. Irfan (26) and Shafiq (24) put up token resistance. Salman took three wickets for 23 runs.

Pak Saudi seemed heading for defeat when they lost their first five wickets for 37 runs against Hochtief, but an 80-run partnership by Khan and Amin led them to the responsibility total of 198. Khan finished with 81 and Aziz added a vital 30.

Mahmood and Butt opened the Hochtief innings with a 55-run stand but the Pak bowling managed to keep the run rate well below the necessary pace. Javed added 34 and Gul-

Standings:

	P	W	L	Pts.
Red Sea	11	11	0	44
Shalimar	11	9	2	36
Yellow Rose	11	9	2	36
Pak Saudi	12	9	3	36
N.Ad.	11	7	4	28
Sikander	12	6	6	24
Indian Embassy	11	5	6	20
Hochtief	11	5	6	20
J.C.C.	12	4	8	16
Pak Jeddah	12	3	9	12
SAPAL Int.	12	3	9	12
Honda	11	1	10	4
SAPL Green	11	1	10	4

raiz made a fast 37, yet despite runs coming quicker in the closing overs, Hochtief failed by 20 runs to catch the Pak score, closing at 178 for 9.

Pak Jeddah suffered a humiliating nine-wicket thrashing by Indian Embassy which keeps them down in tenth place with twelve points from as many matches. Jeddah batted first and despite Manzoor and Ashfaq both scoring 21, were all out for 82 runs. Sharkat took 3 for 40 and Azam 3 for 14. Nasser and Rehmat opened for the Indians and were unheaten when they overtook the Jeddah total, scoring 56 and 27 respectively.



EXPERT: Bob Taylor, Vietnam veteran martial arts expert and an expert in throwing tire irons through corrugated metal doors, demonstrates his technique.

Mike Spinks, Johnson bout on March 28

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, March 10 (AP) — Light-heavyweight contender Michael Spinks will fight two-time former champion Marvin Johnson in a 10-round bout March 28 in Atlantic City.

Spinks, an Olympic gold medalist and brother of former heavyweight champion Leon Spinks, is the number one-ranked contender.

Spinks, born in St. Louis, Missouri, and now of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is unbeaten in 16 professional outings. He has 16 knockouts.

Johnson, of Indianapolis, Indiana, is 27-4 as a pro. He lost his World Boxing Association title to champion Matthew Saac Muhammad and his World Boxing Council title to Eddie Mustafa Muhammad. Bud Lewis is promoting the fight.

Meanwhile in Wolverhampton, British featherweight champion Pat Cowick stopped Madesio Gomez of Argentina in the fifth round of the scheduled 10-round bout Monday.

It was the first time Gomez, who twice kept the distance with European Champion Roberto Castanon of Spain, had been stopped.

The referee stopped the fight two minutes 30 seconds into the fifth round when Gomez indicated to his corner that he could no longer continue.

Austria moves past France

PEKING, March 10 (AP) — Undefeated Austria gave in its first goal in three games Tuesday but outskated France 7-1 (2-0, 4-0, 1-1) in the World Class 'C' Hockey Championships.

Bulgaria upset Denmark 6-4 (0-1, 3-1, 3-2) for its first victory and Hungary trounced North Korea 10-3 (1-0, 7-1, 2-2) for its second triumph in the three-day-old tournament.

In suffering its first loss, France missed about a half dozen good chances for goals as short shots went astray or were blocked by Austrian goalie Robert Mak.

"The correct result should have been about 9-4," said Austrian coach Rudolf Killas. "But we have a very good goalkeeper and a good defense."

Austria's Richard Cunningham scored from a goalmouth scramble at 5:23 and Johano Fritz made it 2-0 at 12:54 when France had two men in the penalty box.

"We had lots of chances but the referee spoiled the game in the first two minutes. He gave us two minutes but warned the Austrian," said Gaetan Laliberte, the French

IOC chief coming

PARIS, March 10 (AFP) — President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Juan Antonio Samaranch is to visit the Middle East at the end of March.

He will go to Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the Arab Emirates. Before the Middle East tour, Samaranch is to make an official visit of Norway and Portugal.

team leader. "We took two goals in a little over five minutes and the half game was over, especially against Austria," he added. Kiu Harand led Austrian scoring with three goals — on an interception and breakaway, with a good fake on a French defender, and on a rebound.

Slow French forechecking gave the Austrians time to mount their attack although quick breaks accoutored for seven of the goals.

France ended Austria's shutout streak 11:38 of the final period when Joseph Brown scored with a 25-foot blast up the middle after an interception.

"They have a good team, but we missed two many chances," France's Laliberte said. "They made the most of the chances they had." Killas said "when your defense is good, the goals will come. We had better shooting and no power."

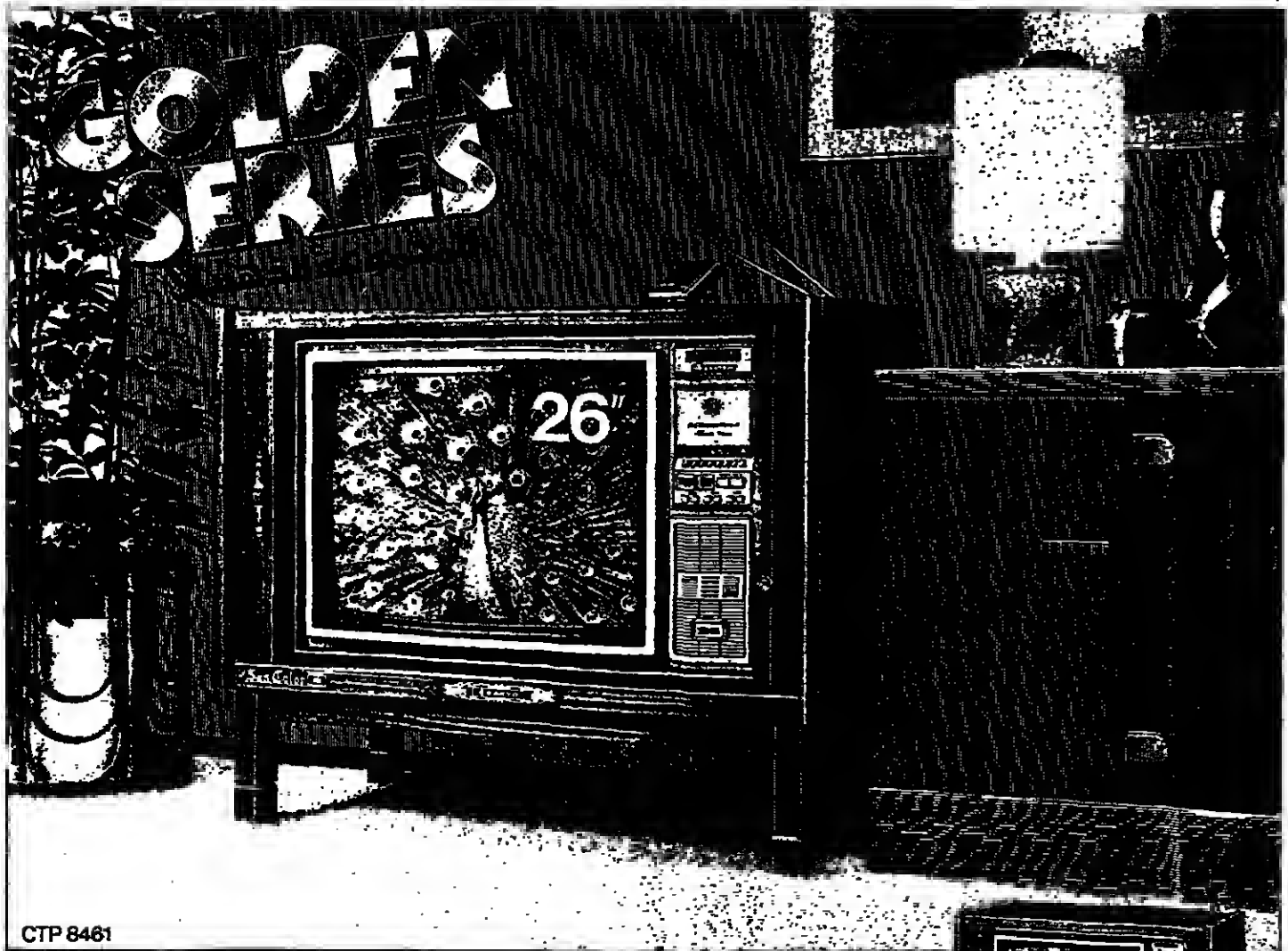
Morocco holds Iraq

RABAT, March 10 (R) — Morocco at Iraq drew 1-1 in a football soccer international on Sunday. Iraq took the lead in the 33rd minute through Hussein while Bous restored parity in the 82nd minute.

In Abidjan, Reveil Dialoa of Ivory Coast and Djoliba Bamako of Mali drew 2-2 their African Cup-Winners' Cup first-round match.

Dagri Dago (15th and 78th minute) scored for Reveil while Ibrahim Traore (32nd) and Ousmane Diallo (82nd) net for Djoliba.

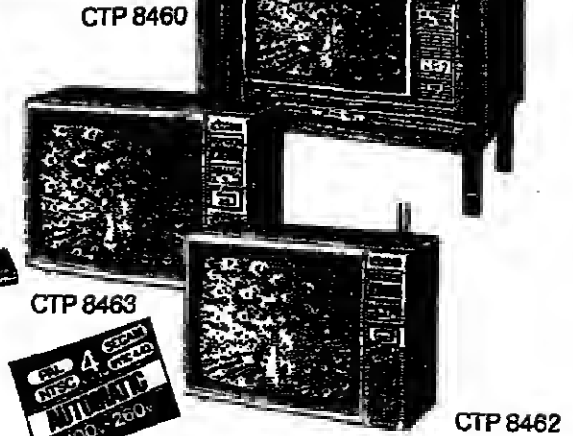
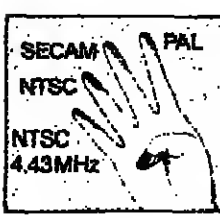
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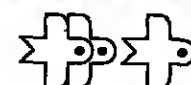
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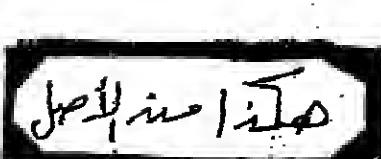
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Move to buy Phillies

By Cynthia Stanley
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, March 10 — After the shock of Ruly Carpenter's unexpected announcement to sell Major-League world champions Philadelphia Phillies began wearing off, the first potential buyer stepped forward. Bill Giles, the club's executive vice president and chief administrative official, said he was attempting to assemble a group to purchase the team but was unsure whether he would be able to gather the financial backing.

Giles told reporters that no matter who the next owner is, the defending world champions will remain in Philadelphia. "I'm 90 per cent sure it will be Philadelphia money that buys it, I think there is going to be a lot of offers. But I think Ruly will be careful who he sells it to."

In Collegiate Basketball, Arizona State handed number one Oregon State their first loss of the year, 87-67. Oregon State held a

Draw favors Tottenham

LONDON, March 10 (R) — Tottenham, the only club to have booked a place in the last four of the English Football Association (F.A.) Cup, were paired with the winners of the quarter-final replay between Wolverhampton and Middlesbrough when the semifinal draw was made Monday.

The north London club, favoring to lift the trophy for the first time since they beat Chelsea in the 1967 final, will be pleased to have avoided a confrontation with either league leaders Ipswich or European champions Nottingham Forest.

They also replay their quarter-final Tuesday. The winners face a tie against Manchester City or Everton, who play on Wednesday. The semifinal venues have yet to be decided.

England makes four changes

LEADS, England, March 10 (AFP) — Four members of the English rugby league team beaten 5-1 by France last month have been replaced for the European Cup match against Wales at Hull, Yorkshire. One of the four, prop Brian Case (Warrington) is injured but the other three have been dropped.

Scrum half Arnie Walker has lost his place to a new international, local boy Paul Harkin and the forwards Steve O'Neill and Harry Pinner and Hase have been replaced by Roy Holdstock, Bill Pattinson and Steve Lrcc.

Meanwhile, Ireland made two changes in the side that lost 6-10 to England for their match against Scotland on the final day of the Five-Nations Rugby Union Championship at Murrayfield on March 21.

Three-quarter wing Frank Quinn (Old Belvedere) is replaced by new cap Ken Hooks, a 22-year old fine arts student at

6-4 lead in the opening minutes before everything collapsed for the Beavers. According to Arizona State coach Ned Walk, "we forced them to take shots they didn't want and we gave them shots that normally would fall. They just had a horrendous shooting night."

Brigham Young's Dappy Ainge scored 35 points as the 18th-ranked BYU roared back in the second half and handed number nine Utah a 95-76 setback in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC).

In big toe action, Mark Smith scored 24 points and Eddie Johnson added 16 to lead number 16 Illinois to a 98-76 victory over Northwestern and a third-place finish in the big ten.

Ohio State, surging ahead in the second half behind forward Clark Kellogg, beat eight-ranked Iowa 78-70, denying the Hawkeys a share of the big toe conference title. Prior to the game, Iowa was tied for first place in the big ten.

Purdue forward Drake Morris scored eight of his game-high 24 points in overtime to lead

the Boilermakers to a 67-61, big ten victory over Michigan. Purdue, playing a deliberate game to nullify Michigan's potent fast break, led by as many as 12 points in the first half and enjoyed a 29-25 halftime lead.

Senior center Ray Tolbert scored 17 points and junior forward Landon Turner added 16 to give Indiana the undisputed big ten championship and an accompanying NCAA tournament berth with a 69-48 victory over Michigan State. The champion was the sixth for the Hoosiers in Bobby Knight's 10-year career as head coach.

Elston Turner scored eight points within a three-minute span as Mississippi erased a seven-point deficit in the final minutes and downed George 66-62 in the Southeastern Conference tournament championship game (SEC). The rebels earned an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament next week for the first time in the school's history.

Alvin Jackson scored 19 points to lead Southern University to a 69-63 victory over Jackson State for the championship of the

Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC).

In the Missouri Valley Conference tournament (MVC) Creighton, led by sharp-shooting Kevin McKenna's 23 points, upset Wichita State 70-64 to win the conference tournament and gain a berth in the NCAA tournament.

Lennie McMillan scored 20 points and Dwayne Wallace 19 to lead Pittsburgh to a 64-60 victory over Duquesne, giving the Panthers their first eastern eight championship and a berth in the NCAA playoffs. Freshman substitute Clyde Vaughn iced the victory by making the first shot of a one-and-one with five seconds to play.

In other tournament games, North Carolina captured a 61-60 victory over Maryland in the title game of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament (ACC). Kansas defeated Kansas State 80-68 in the final of the big eight tournament and the University of Houston blitzed Texas 84-59 for the Southwestern Conference (SWC) tournament championship.

Dan Issel poured in 30 points, including 20 in the first half, to lead the Denver Nuggets to a 121-109 National Basketball Association (NBA) victory over the Detroit Pistons.

Darrell Griffith and Allan Bristow sparked a fourth-quarter comeback for the Utah Jazz, who came from 17 points down to beat the San Diego Clippers 97-94. The Jazz took the lead for the first time in the game 95-94 on a Griffith jump shot from the corner with 43 seconds remaining. Bristow added a pair of free throws seconds later to ice the game for the Jazz, and breaking a five-game losing streak.

Larry Smith hit a foul shot with 40 seconds remaining and John Lucas added a pair with eight seconds left, lifting the Golden State Warriors to a 106-103 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics. Smith's free throw broke a 103-103 tie, and Lucas' foul shot clinched the victory.

Hadlee strikes it rich as Indians flounder

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, March 10 (AFP) — The skies cleared and the sun shone brilliantly on Lancaster Park Tuesday, but the Indian cricketers, playing New Zealand in the second Test, probably wished that Monday's weather forecast of continuing rain had been correct.

When poor light and rain stopped play early on Saturday, India had lost two wickets to fast bowler Richard Hadlee, who bowled India out on the fourth day of the first Test at Wellington for 255. In reply New Zealand were 93 for one.

And on a hot cloudless morning on the fourth day, Hadlee gave a masterly display with the new ball against the confident top order Indian batsmen and took a wicket in each of his first three overs.

To add to their misfortune, Martin Soedden captured two wickets off consecutive balls and by lunch India were 230 for seven.

Indian vice-captain Vishwanath, playing his 70th successive Test was bowled by Hadlee for only seven runs off the very first delivery on a pitch remarkably dry considering the amount of rain which fell over the last three days.

India's most successful batsman on the Australian tour, Sandeep Patil, was Hadlee's second victim of the morning when he played a loose stroke to a good length ball and was caught by John Reid at mid-on for four runs.

Hadlee bagged his fifth wicket of the innings — the 11th time he has achieved this in Test cricket — when Yashpal Sharma was out for a duck in his very next over.

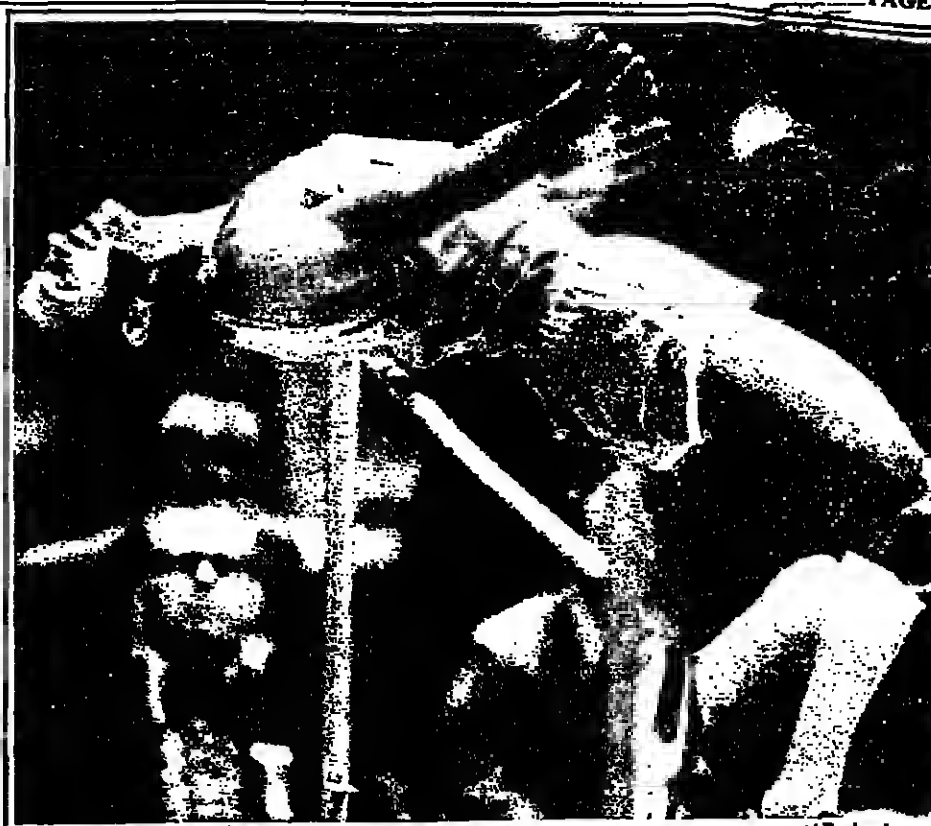
Sharma went on to his back foot and clumsily held the bat high to stop the ball from striking his chest, the delivery glanced off the bat into the hands of New Zealand captain Geoff Howarth at gully.

Snedden's bowling began badly when off the last over with the old ball Vengsarkar hit three boundaries, the second of which took the young batsman's total to 52 runs in 70 minutes, including seven fours.

But in the 11th over Vengsarkar played defensively to a Soedden delivery and the ball went through to knock off the off-stump ball.

Score-board

INDIA (bat last): 255	18
NEW ZEALAND (bat last):	30
J. Wright c Vengsarkar b Ghauri	30
B. Edgar batting	37
J. Reid batting	5
Extras:	93
Total (for 1 wicket)	93
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27	
BOWLING: Kapil Dev 9-1-26-0; Karam Ghauri 10-4-33-1; Sandeep Patil 3-0-5-0; Ravi Shastri 6-2-14-0; Chohan, Chandra 1-1-0-0.	



SOARS HIGH: Jeff Woodward of New Albany clears the high jump bar at 7 feet 7 3/4 inches to set a new American indoor record at New York's Madison Square Gardens during the U.S. indoor track meet recently.

England's attack hammered

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados March 10 (AP) — England's bowlers were made to toil on an easy-paced pitch as Barbados gained a first innings lead of 36 runs on the third day of their four-day cricket match here Monday.

By close of play, England's openers had erased 31 of the deficit as the match appeared headed for a certain draw with only one day remaining.

Scores: England 298 and 31 for one wicket Barbados 334.

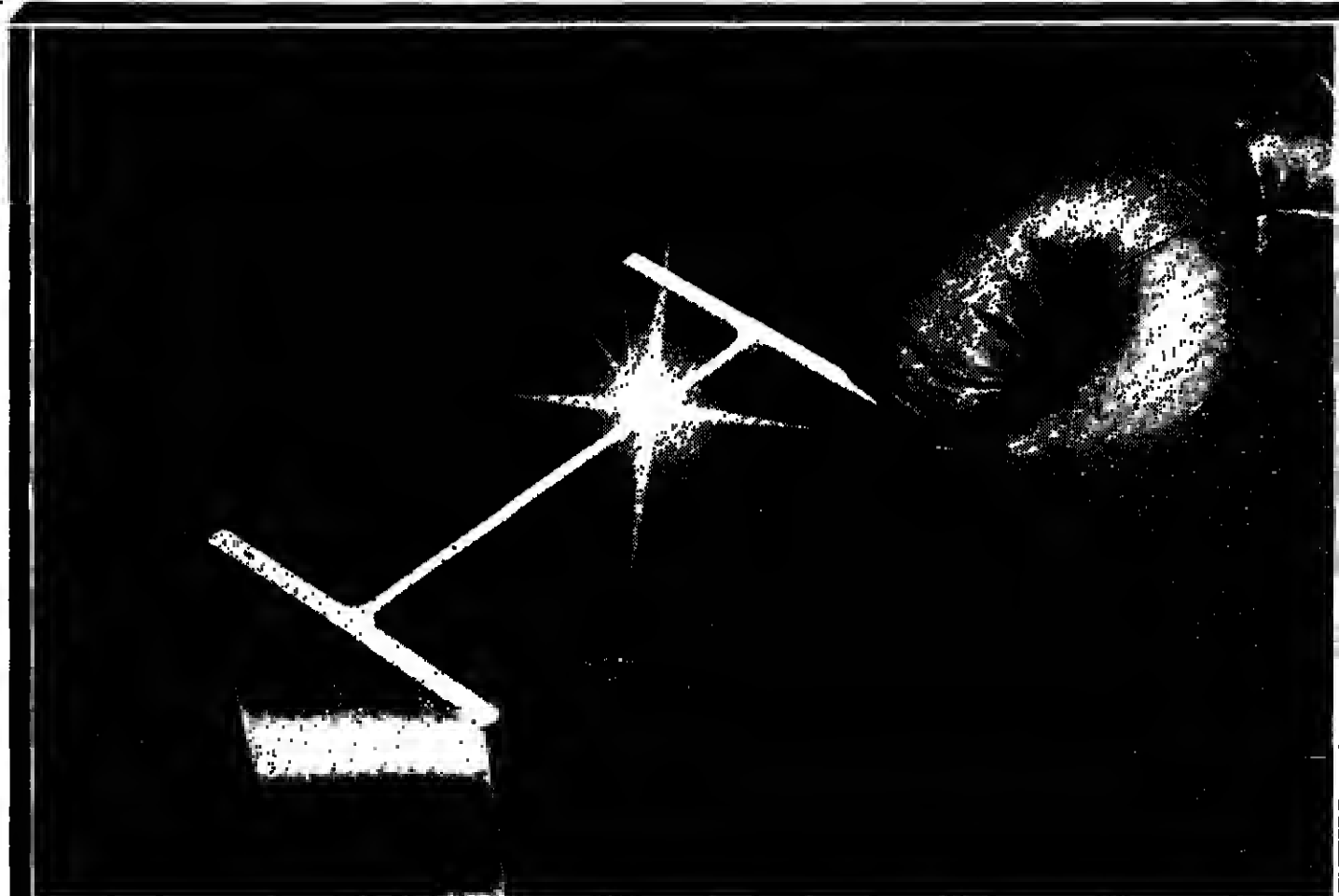
The bulk of Barbados scoring was done by overnight pair George Reifer and Collis King who labored in a painstaking fourth-wicket partnership of 130, stretching over three

hours 10 minutes.

King hit a six and seven fours before he was leg-before wicket to England captain Ian Botham for 76 while Reifer, continuing from 23 at the start of play, showed no interest in scoring 71 before he was caught at extra-cover off fast bowler Robin Jackman.

For England, off-spinner John Embury, in a marathon performance, took five for 92 in a marathon performance, playing his first match on the tour, took four for 68.

England were left 50 minutes battling before close of play and, at that time, openers Geoff Boycott and Graham Gooch added 31 without being separated.

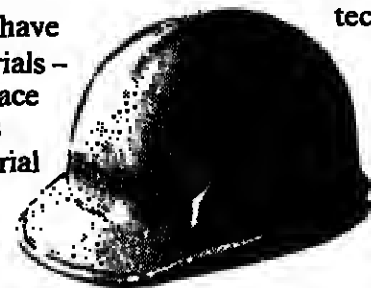


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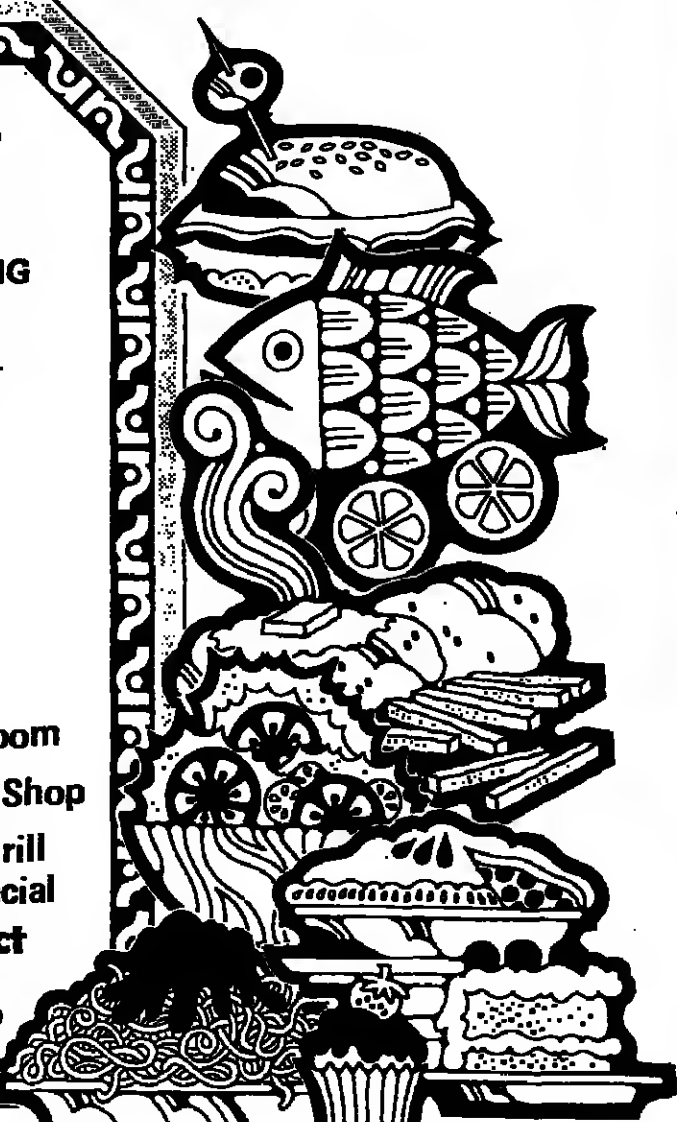
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Iraq to start oil flow via Lebanon in April

BEIRUT, March 10 (R) — Iraq is expected to start exporting oil through the Lebanese port of Tripoli next month and could be pumping 400,000 barrels per day (BPD) here by mid-June, Lebanon's oil minister has said.

Muhammad Youssef Beydoun said that pumping from Iraq through a pipeline across Syria would start initially at 200,000 BPD and could be double that within two months.

Oil industry sources said total Iraqi exports by pipeline across Turkey, Syria and Lebanon could rise to more than one million BPD by mid-June, after falling to zero in the early weeks of the Gulf war.

The war with Iran stopped Iraq using its main Gulf loading terminals and it has taken time to build up the flow on its alternative export route, by pipeline to the Mediterranean.

Western oil company experts say Iranian exports have also revived in recent weeks and OPEC estimates that total Iraqi and Iranian supply reach 2.5 million BPD this summer, even if the war continues. This would probably enable Saudi Arabia to trim its production from a war emergency level of more than 10.3 million BPD, oil industry sources here

added.

Beydoun initialled an agreement with Iraq to resume oil exports through Tripoli during a visit to Baghdad last weekend.

The Lebanese spur of Iraq's trans-Syria pipeline has not been used for five years. Beydoun said in a Reuter interview he expected the Lebanese cabinet to approve the agreement on reopening it in 10 days and technical work would then take about three weeks.

He said technical discussions between Syrian, Iraqi and Lebanese officials took place in the Syrian oil port of Banias 10 days ago. Some Syrian technicians could help at Tripoli.

The trans-Syrian pipeline itself reopened last month taking Iraqi crude to Banias and industry sources said the flow through there was expected to reach between 200,000 and 300,000 BPD.

Iraqi exports across Turkey average 500,000 BPD and, if Lebanon were handling 400,000 BPD, then total Iraqi supply to the world market could be running at more than 1.1 million BPD by mid-July, oil industry sources calculated.

Thorn move to resolve fishing row

LONDON, March 10 (AP) — In a bid to break the deadlock in the Common Market fisheries dispute, European Economic Commission President Gaston Thorn flew to England Monday for talks with British foreign secretary Lord Carrington.

Also at the meeting, held at Royal Air Force base Northolt, north of London, was British Agriculture Minister Peter Walker.

After a 9½-minute session, Thorn flew to Paris for talks with French Prime Minister Raymond Barre to see if France might make concessions at Tuesday's meeting of the EEC fisheries council in Brussels.

The Brussels meeting was postponed for a day as Thorn tried to work out a compromise.

Britain has rejected the latest commission proposals and wants an exclusive 12-mile fishery zone around its coasts, arguing that two-thirds of EEC fish are in British territorial waters and British fishermen should be allowed the lion's share of the catch.

The French, however, demand wide access within the British 12-mile limit and want the limit scrapped by 1993.

Japan foresees export boom

TOKYO, March 10 (R) — Japan is confident it can keep its export-oriented economy on the rails despite the growing protectionist lobby in the West, according to government experts.

The losses anticipated from curbs placed on Japan's traditional exports of cars and electronic products will require industrial adjustments, the experts said, but Japan's overall world trade picture is likely to be better over the coming year.

Industrialists in the United States and Europe have been complaining that floods of Japanese goods are threatening their recession-hit business and Japan is under pressure to place restraints on its booming exports. "I don't think there is much danger to our balance of payments," Bank of Japan executive director Masuru Hayami told Reuters in an interview.

Nor are the pending trade problems enough to derail Japan's success in overcoming last year's oil crisis, in sharp contrast to the problems which ensued Japan in the aftermath of the 1973 oil price hike, Hayami said.

In the aftermath of the first oil shock the United States, by far Japan's biggest trading partner, hit the Japanese economy by imposing quotas on major exports, textiles. Japan was forced to make lengthy and painful adjustments to get by a weak yen forcing up

the real cost of importing oil and other raw materials.

But this time, Hayami says Japan can benefit from its past lessons. It also has more room to raise prices if necessary to make up for losses in volume that can be expected from quotas, curbs or voluntary restraints aimed at slowing down exports.

He said exports were up 31 per cent in 1980, but 18 per cent of that was because of dollar-based price increases and only 14 per cent came from higher volume.

"They can still preserve their markets," he said of Japanese exporters, because industry was better geared for competition in contrast to the last oil shock.

In New York, the Japan-United States Economic Relations Group has sent a report to President Ronald Reagan stressing the need for the two countries to have more frequent economic consultations, it announced Monday.

The idea is to try to reduce misunderstandings and to make plans for another possible cut-off in supplies of foreign oil.

The report underlined that relation between the two countries should be based on recognition that Japan needs to develop a "more active international role" and what the United States "needs to recognize more fully is the implications of the post-war diffusion of power and the demand of a more inter-dependent world."

The group, founded in 1979 by former President Jimmy Carter and the late Japanese Prime Minister Masayoshi Ohira, is presided by Robert Ingersoll, former deputy secretary of state, and Nobuhiko Ushiba, Japanese ambassador in Washington.

IMF seeks \$4 billion from banks

BASEL, Switzerland, March 10 (R) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has asked Western central banks for \$4 billion to help it meet increasing demand from members for loans, central bank sources here said in Basle.

Jacques de Larosiere, the IMF managing director said Monday the organization hopes to raise up \$8.68 billion this year to help member countries hit by recession.

The sources said they expected Western governments to agree to the IMF request even though many of them had balance payments problems.

The fund is negotiating with Saudi Arabia for a loan of some \$3 billion to alleviate cash shortage.

The sources — in Basle for a regular monthly meeting of central bank governors of the Bank for International Settlements said other member states of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) were expected to make smaller contributions.

Traditionally the IMF finances its through quotas paid by its 130-plus members, but financial experts believe they will not cover the organization's lending next year.

The sources said a leading official of Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) attended Monday's meeting, but added it was not discussed.



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Asians demand better deal at ESCAP talks

BANGKOK, March 10 (AFP) — Delegates representing half of mankind began meeting here Tuesday amid Asian calls for a bigger share of the world's economic pie.

Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda, opening the 37th annual session of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), said that efforts by developing countries to forge big changes in global economics had "not yet met with any degree of success."

He warned that true cooperation was not possible in the face of "coercion of one another," adding "tensions still exist in many parts of the world today because nations continue to resort to force as a means of obtaining political and security objectives."

Such tensions "have created hardship and suffering for the peoples directly involved and have also imposed a tremendous and unfair burden on other countries," General Prem said.

More than 40 countries and a dozen international organizations were represented at the meeting, which is Asia's only all-inclusive forum.

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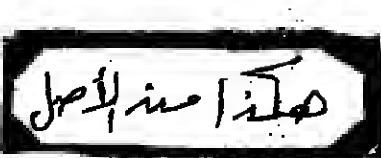
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U.K. staff to continue agitation

LONDON, March 10 (R) — Leaders of Britain's 530,000 civil servants, jubilant at the widespread effects of a one-day strike in support of pay demands, vowed Tuesday to continue a campaign to disrupt the working of government.

Monday's strike affected major airports, social security offices, tax departments, customs posts and museums and art galleries and the government admitted that its work throughout the country had been seriously affected.

A government spokesman put the number of strikers at 350,000, although union leaders said 480,000 of their members had answered the strike call.

"This is a slap in the eye for those who said civil servants would not support the strike," Michael Perkins, vice-chairman of the Society of Civil and Public Servants, told a rally in London.

"A big program of industrial action will continue over the next few months to bring home to the government that the civil service is in turmoil."

The civil servants, seeking pay increases of 15 per cent on average salaries of \$5,000

Somalia needs \$234m for drought relief

UNITED NATIONS, March 10 (R) — Somalia, drought-ravaged and swamped with refugees from the Horn of Africa, will need \$234 million in foreign aid this year to avert widespread starvation, the United Nations has said.

The estimate was made by a U.N. mission to the country led by Assistant Secretary-General Gordon Goundrey.

A U.N. spokesman said the problem was very serious and \$174 million of the total required was to meet food needs.

Refugees living in camps needed 283,000 tons of food, those outside camps needed another 181,000 tons and the deficit for the remainder of the Somali population was 375,000 tons, the spokesman said.

The economic and social council is to consider the situation at a meeting April 15.

Meanwhile, the Somali government has launched an international appeal for almost 470,000 tons of food to meet projected shortfalls this year.

"Already, the stocks of certain essential food commodities have a reserve numbered in days," Minister of National Planning Muhammad Omar Giama, told diplomats and aid officials.

"This critical condition for our people could be greatly exacerbated if the drought deepens further, or if there is a further increase in the flow of refugees," he said. The government is unable to meet food requirements because of a 25-30 per cent drop in its revenues.

One aid official told reporters: "The shortfall is not due to meteorological causes, but more to economic pressures coming from the rapid growth of the population from the refugee influx."

The government says more than a million refugees have fled war and drought in the Ogaden region of neighboring Ethiopia to live in vast camps in Somalia. The government has opened letters of credit to buy 20,000 tons of maize and 4,000 tons of edible oil and Italy has pledged to send 10,000 tons of rice by mid-May.

(\$11,000) a year, say they are the victims of government policies designed to reduce inflation.

They have rejected a seven per cent offer from the government, which wants pay increases of public workers limited to an average six per cent.

Large government departments in London were picketed at Monday despite pouring rain. A picket line outside 10 Downing Street, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's official residence, stopped deliveries by laundry and mail vans.

"At least we've done something," one picket said. "That's Mrs. Thatcher without clean laundry for a week."

The tower of London, a premier tourist attraction, was closed by a strike, while London's Heathrow airport, the world's biggest international terminal, shut down for the first time in its 35-year history because air traffic controllers failed to report for work.

Meanwhile, one union leader said his members would not implement any tax increases which the government might propose in its budget. "The government would be wise to negotiate," he added.

Some members of parliament predicted that if the union carried out its threat the government would lose £1 billion sterling (\$2.4 billion) a week in uncollected taxes.

The strike was called on the eve of budget day, when Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe was expected to announce a fresh round of tax increases and spending cuts

which Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative governments hopes will get Britain's faltering economy back on course.

In strife-torn Northern Ireland, police stepped in for striking civilians to carry out security checks in shopping centers.

In West Germany, nearly 70,000 steel and automotive workers were on strike Monday, demanding higher pay, the giant West German union Ig Metall said.

The automotive industry was the hardest hit Monday. About 10,000 workers struck for one or two hours at the Cologne Ford factory, and about 20,000 stopped working at Opel's major factory, near Frankfurt.

Sri Lanka imposes power supply cuts

COLOMBO, March 10 (R) — Sri Lanka's electricity board Tuesday cut power supplies throughout the country for 90 minutes every morning in addition to long cuts already imposed every evening.

A board spokesman said a worsening drought meant that the hydropower reservoirs in the central hill country contained only enough water for 28 days' supply of electricity.

He said that since Feb. 20 power supplies had been cut for three hours every evening in tea-growing districts and for four hours in the rest of the country. Hospitals and essential services were not affected by the cuts, he added.

IMF to grant Morocco \$997m

WASHINGTON, March 10 (R) — The International Monetary Fund has agreed to provide Morocco with \$997.8 million to help the government with its economic reform program.

The IMF said Monday the agreement, which would run until October 1983, was aimed at helping Morocco to increase its gross domestic product, limit inflation and reduce current account and budget deficits.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AFP) — The Scottish Trades Union Congress (TUC) has sent a letter to French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing asking him to intervene in order to stave off closure of the Talbot car works in Linwood, owned by the French Peugeot group. The TUC said that shutting down the plant would be a disaster for Scotland and also for France.

SINGAPORE, (AFP) — Barber Blue Sea, a joint venture shipping group set up by British, Norwegian and Swedish firms, has linked with Compania Sud Americana de Vapores to provide a service from the Far East and South East Asia to Peru, Bolivia and Chile via Panama.

BAHRAIN, (AFP) — The second international oil fair opened here Monday with 320 companies from 26 countries taking part. Countries represented include Canada, Denmark, Britain and France. The fair, also at Bahrain, took place in 1979.

Food scarcity mounts

Poles scramble for essentials

WARSAW, March 10 (AFP) — Poles are standing in seemingly endless lines and furiously eyeing each other's shopping bags these days as they scramble for even the most basic daily necessities.

If his neighbor's sack contains some hard-to-get commodity, the questions begin: Where, when and how. Addresses of stores are circulated among the citizens. Several people rush to the promised cache of goods. But most often everything is gone by the time they arrive.

At first glance, a foreigner might believe that Warsaw has more movie houses than any city in the world — judging from the number of peoples lined up on nearly every street. But they are waiting at stores and shops as "scarcity" gets top-billing.

Both small shops and large department stores present the picture of desolation. Butcher shops are ill-supplied, and refrigerated displays have little or none of their promised goods: eggs, fish, butter, cheese.

"Nie ma, nie ma," the attendants say. "There is none." But the shoppers always ask anyway "Just a case." A miracle is always possible.

Even though the shops are empty, the lines still stretch along the streets, there might be a delivery and leaving the line is always exasperating.

The truckloads do come, arriving at the back of the store, and a human flood presses into the shop. In a few minutes, the number of

customers has increased ten-fold, and the commodities laundry detergent, etc disappear quickly.

The Polish housewife spends aggravating days going from store to store, one for eggs, another for butter and still another for meat. And then there are the bureaucratic formalities needed for the purchase the family's share of sugar.

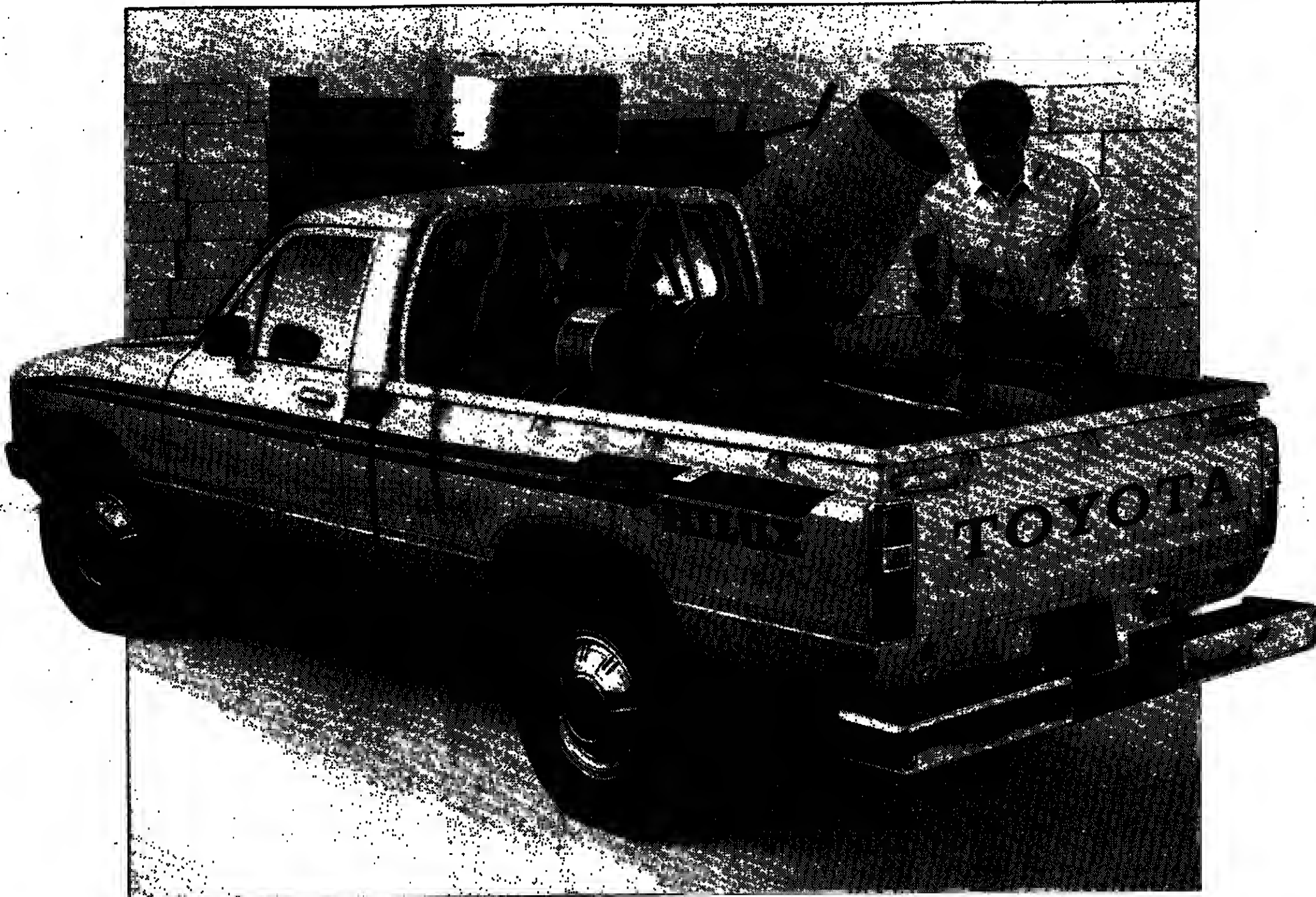
When she works outside the home, which is the case for most Polish mothers, she organizes with her co-workers, and they take turns running errands.

It is still the women who wait in line, and men are rarely seen in front of stores. The Poles celebrated Women's Day Sunday — an event that only highlighted the appearance of several Polish women on television expressing harsh words about the "stronger" sex.

Although Vodka is a refuge from daily cares many Poles will not even have this solace. Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski has just in effect declared war on vodka, bringing predictions of price increases for alcoholic beverages.

The effect of his declaration appeared immediately: Massive purchases of Alcohol in the stores.

But scarcity has not yet hit peas jams and cucumber preserves, all foodstuffs coming from Poland's socialist neighbors, particularly the Soviet Union and Hungary. But the crowds hardly press against cans of this foodstuffs piled up into impressive pyramids.



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Of suffocation

46 die in Ivory Coast police cell

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast, March 10 (AP) — At least 46 men died over the weekend of suffocation while in police custody here, according to a morgue attendant who helped embalm the bodies.

The victims, apparently citizens of neighboring Ghana, were reportedly arrested in a sweep on an island in Abidjan harbor. Police

have made a number of such sweeps recently to check identification papers of suspected smugglers and criminals. It was not clear when the men died, but their bodies were turned over to morticians Saturday.

The national police (gendarmeries) refused to comment on the deaths, which occurred at the Agban gendarmerie barracks in the northern part of the city. President Felix Houphouët-Boigny has ordered an investigation.

According to the attendant, the men had been shut in a small building and died of suffocation and heat. He said the building, a sort of holding cell, was designed for "five or six" persons.

A communique from Houphouët-Boigny's office, issued late Monday, said "those arrested were shut up in rooms that were too small and without adequate ventilation which caused the death of some of them." The communique did not specify the number of deaths. It said the president "deplored such action."

Many of those rounded up in the three villages on Boulay Island were said to be from Ghana which borders the Ivory Coast to the east. A spokesman for the Ghanaian embassy here, who asked not to be identified, said the embassy knew of the deaths of 46 Ghanaian citizens.

The spokesman said as of Monday the embassy had received no information on the incident from the Ivorian government and was drafting a letter of inquiry to the foreign ministry. "The gendarmes called Saturday noon and told us to come and embalm some bodies they said the dead were soldiers who had died during maneuvers." The attendant

said he and two colleagues spent Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning preparing the bodies of 46 adult males. He said the names of 38 persons were written on a blackboard in the room where he found the bodies laid out. Eight other bodies were not identified. Two employees of a cemetery near the barracks said Monday they had received 26 coffins Sunday from police trucks and were told to expect another 20 Monday.

Several weeks ago the Ivorian government launched a drive called "operation fist" to round up persons suspected of being involved in the growing number of assaults and armed robberies in this capital of 1.5 million. Official figures are not available, but it is estimated that nearly half the population of Abidjan is non-Ivorian, mainly from poorer, neighboring west African countries.

According to police, the dragnets are carried out to check identification papers. By most accounts, the roundups, which often occur during rush hour in busy parts of the city, are random. Residents at one of the three villages on the island said about 50 men and boys were dragged from their makeshift wooden dwellings early Friday by gendarmes. They said 14 of the men had not returned to the village, inhabited mainly by Ghanaian fishermen and their families.

Ghana has been in severe financial straits for a number of years, and many of its estimated 15 million inhabitants have emigrated to find work. The manager of a resort on the island said some of the villages were reported to be havens for smugglers. He also said police rounded up several of his employees and confiscated their personal effects.

4th heart-lung transplant done in U.S.

STANFORD, California, March 10 (AP) — Doctors at Stanford University medical center have carried out the world's fourth heart-lung transplant on a 45-year-old woman and said they hoped a new drug would boost her chances of survival.

Mary Gohlke, 45, received the heart and lungs of an anonymous donor in a four-hour operation Monday. "So far she seems to be doing as well as expected and her heart is functioning normally," hospital spokesman Lora Hofstadter said about four hours after the operation.

None of the three persons who had heart and lung transplants between 1968 and 1971, including two in the United States, survived. One had lived for 14 hours after the transplants, another eight days and the third 23 days. The last heart-lung transplant was in 1971.

But Stanford doctors said they believe Mrs. Gohlke stands a better chance of survival because the drug cyclosporin-A is being used. It is designed to remedy two problems that beset other patients: the slow and imperfect healing of the windpipe and life-threatening infections.

Indian youths attack newspaper offices

NEW DELHI, March 10 (AP) — Some 150 young men stormed the offices of three newspapers in the city of Cuttack, eastern India, Monday, assaulted staff members, wrecked furniture and snapped communications lines, the United News of India (UNI) reported.

The attackers apparently were protesting publication of stories about the alleged molestation of a girl student at the medical college in Cuttack. Medical students were among those invading the news offices, UNI said.

Police dispersed the mobs but so far no arrests were announced. No serious injuries were reported but journalists on two of the papers complained that police took too long to answer appeals for help.

Bichitrnanda Kar, managing director of *Madhubhumi* newspaper, said the rioters abused him and other staff members, smashed a partition, damaged two cabinets, broke a table and an inkstand and tore up and looted books.

Smuggling causes tensions across Thai-Laotian border

NONG KHAI, Thailand, March 10 (AP) — Smuggling, an everyday occurrence across Thailand's borders, takes on a more dangerous meaning along the Mekong River. It is believed to have contributed to tension which led to artillery and machine-gun exchanges between Thai and Laotian troops last month across this northern river boundary. After the incident, the vital border crossing was closed for two weeks.

Landlocked Laos depends on transit through Thailand for its trade, including \$150,000 a day in smuggled commodities, according to the Nong Khai deputy provincial governor, Uthai Mantavon. Surreptitious attempts to ferry prized goods by small boats, complicated by various forms of rivalry and coercion, have often led to shooting sprees on the river by one party or another, he says.

Medicines are regarded as strategic goods by authorities here, since they may fall into the hands of Vietnamese troops stationed across the Mekong. Authorities in this river town of 67,000 population have done so far as to round up suspect that merchants for lectures on national security and the need to refrain from smuggling strategic supplies. One source said that more than 500 Thai and ethnic Chinese merchants were involved in night-time river smuggling.

If you see a Chinese businessman with an expensive diamond ring, chances are he may be one of the "Big 10" brokers who finance much of the contraband trade from Nong Khai. They typically have a "circulation fund" from which villagers borrow to finance their black market purchases, returning a 25 to 50 per cent interest rate.

The trade is not always one way. When the price of gold rocketed last year, brokers telephoned their agents in the Laotian capital of Vientiane to buy gold jewelry and ornaments from unwitting Laotians, for smuggling back to Thailand.

Practically anyone in this remote northern province may be in the game: fishermen or a group of soccer players waiting by the river for a chance to wade across with their goods.

Or a ferryboat operator with a few dozen rubber sandals hidden under his back seat — sandals costing 50 cents in Thailand but bringing \$1.50 across the river.

Other favorite goods are sugar, fish sauce, salt, batteries, and radios. Once across the river smugglers often contact the local "Ta Saeng," or Laotian village headman, the counterpart of the capitalist brokers on the Thai bank.



RESCUING POOCH: John Froemel wades more than 15 ft. into the Ottawa River recently, then crawls and stretches his way across the ice to rescue a nine-month-old dog. For emel, who lives in Ottawa, put on rubber diving pants before going into the icy water. The pooch was later claimed by a 10-year-old girl.

Emergency in Chile to continue

SANTIAGO, Chile, March 10 (AP) — President Augusto Pinochet says he is prolonging the state of emergency Wednesday when Chile's new constitution takes effect. The move suspends constitutional guarantees six months and gives the president continued broad powers he says are needed "to combat Marxist aggression."

The state of emergency has been in effect since 1973, renewed every six months, when Pinochet came to power by toppling Marxist Salvador Allende. During the past year, the government has used powers granted by suspending the 1925 constitution to banish dissidents to remote villages and to hold political opponents up to 20 days without charges. "We will take things as they come," the president told the Santiago daily *El Mercurio* in one of two interviews Sunday when asked how long the state of emergency might be prolonged.

The 65-year-old strongman, who begins an eight-year term under the new constitution also said there will be no political opening during his term. "To think there would be: political opening is far from reality. There will not be one," Pinochet told the daily *La Tercera*.

Under the new constitution political parties are banned for the next eight years unless Pinochet decides otherwise. The constitution was approved Sept. 11 during a plebiscite Pinochet is to be sworn in Wednesday in a ceremony filled with traditional inauguration ceremonies intended to symbolize the beginning of an eventual return to democracy.

Political observers agree the immediate change is more symbolic than substantive, especially with the extension of the state of emergency.

Spanish general indicted for attempted coup

MADRID, March 10 (AP) — The arm has ordered right-wing Lt. Gen. Jaime Milán del Bosch, one of Spain's top military commanders, to be tried on charges of military rebellion for trying to overthrow the civilian government.

The first general indicted in the abortive coup, Bosch joined 20 other officers and on diehard Franco civilian in the attempt. He was formally accused by special prosecutor air force Maj. Gen. Jose María García Escudero as investigation into the plot continued. Three other generals have been arrested. The Bosch indictment was not made public and all those accused, including former Franco union executive Juan García Carres, will be tried by courts-martial.

The 6-year-old general sent his tanks in the streets of Valencia without authorization of his Madrid superiors a few hours after Feb. 23 attempt to overthrow the government in a bid to set up a military regime. Bosch was arrested 24 hours after the tanks surrendered.

To combat terrorism

U.S. plans broader role for CIA

WASHINGTON, March 10 (AP) — The U.S. government is considering a broad expansion of the CIA's authority to use break-ins, physical surveillance and covert infiltration of American groups and businesses, sources say.

Sources familiar with the proposal said Monday it was designed as part of an effort to combat terrorists more effectively, but also was intended to improve leak investigations and the CIA's ability to spy on foreign economic developments.

They acknowledged it would eliminate some barriers established to prevent the agency, set up in 1947 to gather foreign intelligence, from re-entering the search for alleged domestic subversives. The barriers

were established after scandals over the CIA's spying in the 1960s on American anti-Vietnam war activists.

The Reagan administration proposal was drafted by an interagency working group, chaired by CIA general counsel Daniel Silver and composed of U.S. intelligence agencies including the CIA, FBI, National Security Agency, Defense Department and others, according to the sources, who asked not to be named.

The sources said the proposal would allow the CIA to conduct break-ins, known as black bag jobs, physical surveillance and infiltration against American groups and companies in instances in which it formerly was forbidden to do so.

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U.N. sea law talks deadlocked

UNITED NATIONS, March 10 (R) The United Nations law of the sea conference, already in disarray because of a dramatic shift in United States policy, has run into difficulties over choosing a new president. Asian members want another Asian to succeed Shirley Amerasinghe of Sri Lanka, who died in December, but have been unable to agree on their candidate.

A new session of the conference, the 10th since the series began eight years ago, opened Monday but lasted only 10 minutes. U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, temporarily in the chair, urged members to solve their differences and report back as soon as possible so that work could begin.

The session, the first since last August, is due to last six or seven weeks. It was to have been the final one before an agreed treaty was submitted for approval to a largely ceremonial meeting in Caracas, Venezuela, later in the year. That schedule is now virtually

certain not to be met, because the new United States government has asked for more time to review key clauses, particularly on seabed mining.

The United States is so far the only country close to being able to tap the mineral wealth lying in the deep seabed. But leading mining companies told President Ronald Reagan that the United States should refuse to pay taxes and royalties on its deep sea enterprises to Communist and Third World countries, as the draft form of the treaty proposes.

President Carter and his negotiating team raised no such objection and the policy switch, disclosed in a one-paragraph State Department announcement eight days ago, stunned conference delegates including other Western members. Some of them complained that, despite Reagan's pledge to consult America's allies on such important matters of policy, there was no consultation on this new development.

Third World members said the U.S. move confirmed their belief that the new Reagan administration was unsympathetic to the aspirations of poor countries. But editorials in leading U.S. business publications welcomed Reagan's attitude. *The Wall Street Journal* described it as a timely shot across the bows of the United Nations.

The delegates from more than 150 member countries will have plenty to do, refining articles in the 320-clause draft text that are less controversial than the seabed mining proposals, when the problem over the president is finally resolved.

Three principal prospects have been mentioned for president — Christopher Pinto of Sri Lanka, Satya Nandan of Fiji and T. T. B. (Tommy) Koh of Singapore — but no one has yet won consensus support from the Asian group. Pinto and Nandan are official candidates, while Koh may have a good chance of becoming the compromise choice.

Diana gown creates sensation

LONDON, March 10 (AP) — The public oohed, the press aahed and some even wolfwhistled. The daintily low-cut evening gown worn by Lady Diana Spencer, they all agreed Tuesday, was simply sensational.

Apart from one celebrated press picture of Prince Charles's 19-year-old fiancée, the British have grown accustomed in recent months to seeing "Shy Di" well and modestly covered up in sensible skirts, sweaters and suchlike.

The glamorous Lady Diana that stepped out Monday night in diamonds and an off-the-shoulder gown whose plunging neckline stole the show and left little to imagination was something else.

Three Mile Island cleanup to take 7 years, says panel

WASHINGTON, March 10 (Agencies) — A government commission has said that the cleanup of radioactivity at the crippled Three Mile Island nuclear power plant could take until 1988. But the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said turning the island into a nuclear burial site by leaving nuclear wastes and radioactive water there was not acceptable because the island is in a fairly populous agricultural area in Pennsylvania.

The nuclear power plant owned by Metropolitan Edison, a division of General Public Utilities, has been out of operation since a major accident on March 28, 1979. In its final report Monday on environmental problems at the site, the commission said radioactive wastes and more than 1.5 million gallons of contaminated water had to be taken out of the plant to prevent accidental releases of radioactivity.

The commissioners told a hearing Monday they were waiting for Metropolitan Edison to come up with its detailed plan for cleaning up the plant. The commission said it did not regard Three Mile Island as a safe waste disposal site.

"Removing the demand fuel and radioactive waste to suitable storage sites is the only reliable means for eliminating the risk of widespread, uncontrolled contamination of the environment," the report said.

The commission concluded that existing radioactive waste disposal methods were adequate for doing the cleanup job. It said that worker exposure to radioactivity during the cleanup would result in insignificant increase in possible cancer rates among the work force.

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they will however inform the council, which shall take the state to task and annul these measures.

3. The provision contained in clauses 1 and 2 shall not contain privileges and guarantees earlier granted within the context of this agreement.

Article 28

The council shall constitute committees from among its members or their representatives and give them the authorities it considers appropriate. It can also form technical committees representing the interests of investors, the investment states and the rest of the elements of investment, with a view to studying as to what matters should be entrusted to them.

Article 21

The council resolutions shall be issued with an absolute majority of the members, excepting the resolutions issued on matters contained in paragraph 1 of Article 18 and Article 29. These shall be issued with a two-thirds majority and the resolution shall be binding on all the states concerned.

Chapter V
(On the guarantee of investment)

Article 22

The Arab Establishment for the guarantee of investment shall provide security for the invested funds in accordance with this agreement and the terms and provisions contained in the agreement of the establishment.

Article 23

The general secretariat of the Arab League shall agree with the Arab Establishment for the guarantee of investment on undertaking any task envisaged by paragraphs 4 and 5 of Article 18.

Article 24

If any concerned state or Arab party pays an amount for the damage sustained by the Arab investor as a result of guarantee given to him individually or in cooperation with the establishment or with any other quarter or as a result of any insurance measures, the payer shall replace the investor within the limits of his payment. In this, he shall not transgress the legal rights of the investor in that state. His rights to the said state shall remain in regard to amount which is in excess of the amount paid for him.

Chapter VI
(On the settlement of disputes)

Articles 25

Disputes arising out of or as a result of the enforcement of this agreement shall be settled through conciliation, arbitration or the Arab investment court.

Article 26

Conciliation and arbitration shall be in accordance with the provisions contained in the agreement's annexure, being an integral part of the agreement.

Article 27

Every party can resort to the judiciary for the settlement of the dispute in the following cases: —

1. disagreement of the parties on conciliation,
2. conciliator's inability to issue his report at the appointed time,
3. disagreement of the two parties on the acceptance of solutions proposed in the conciliator's report,
4. disagreement of the parties on resorting to arbitration,
5. non-insurance of the verdict of the arbitration committee at the appointed time for any reason whatsoever.

Article 28

1. Until an Arab Court of Justice is set up and its authority determined, an Arab court of investment shall be set up.
2. The court shall constitute of at least five judges and a few reserve members. All of them shall be Arab nationals, to be selected by the council from among a list of Arab jurists specially prepared for this purpose. Every concerned state shall nominate two capable judges and the council shall choose one of the court members as its president.
3. The court members shall be full-timers if the agencies of work required that. The membership shall be for a period of three years, which can be renewed for a further period.
4. The council shall determine the remuneration the president and members, who will be treated as members of the council in matters of diplomatic immunity. Their salaries, remunerations and other advantages shall be exempt from all taxes.
5. The court's headquarters shall be at the permanent headquarters of the Arab League. It will never prevent the court from deciding to hold its sessions at another place with a causative reason.
6. The court shall prepare a schedule of working hours and regulations, with departments having not more than three members in every department.

Article 29

The court specializes in separating disputes ruling the implementation of agreement rules that result from action presented to the court on the part of the investing sides.

The conditions on which the dispute should be decided are:

1. Between one party country and another party country, or between a party country and public establishments or commissions of other sides, or even public establishments and commissions of more than one party country.
2. Between the persons mentioned in item (A) Arab investors.
3. Between the persons mentioned in items (A) and (B) and the parties which present guarantees according to this agreement.

Article 30

In case of an Arab-international agreement, that obliges an Arab investment or any agreement related to investment in the context of the Arab League or among its member states, calls for presenting a case or dispute to international arbitration or international jury, then with the agreement of all it can be considered as included in the court's jurisdiction.

Article 31

The Arab investor can present to the jury of the court where the investment is effected, according to the specialization principles in that country, the case that come in the specialties of the court, even if the Arab investor files a case to one of the parties but he is not submit it to the other.

Article 32

In case that the specialties of the court and courts of party country contradict, the decisive resolution will be the court's.

Article 33

The court, at the request of one side, can

decide temporary measures necessary to preserve that side's rights if it sees that necessary.

2. If anyone, other than the case's sides, that has interest in the court's specialty sees that his interests are affected by the decision, he can submit a request to be considered by the court.

Article 34

1. The decision only affects the sides in conflict, and in the range of the settled dispute.
2. The decision becomes final and not subject to contest, and if difference arises in its interpretation, the court interprets it at the request of one of the sides.
3. The decision passed by the court has power of enforcement in the party countries, and should be implemented immediately as if it was a final decision liable for implementation issued by their specialized courts.

Article 35

The court can accept appeal by writ of error if the decision contains a dangerous contradiction to the basic principles of the agreement, or in the jurisdiction procedures; or upon disclosure of a decisive event in the case which was not evident during the issuance of the decision to the court and the appealing side provided that the ignorance of the said side was not a result of negligence from his side. The petition, disclosing the new development, should be presented within six months of the discovery of the event and before five years since the issuance of the decision. The revision procedures are opened by a decision from the court in which the existence of the new development is clearly acknowledged and also clarifies the aspects that justify the revision and declares the acceptance of the petition. The court can halt the implementation of the decision it issued before the decision for revision.

Article 36

The court should seek legal opinion of a consultant who is not involved in any legal case within the court's specialty. The request should be made on the request of a member state, the Secretary General of the Arab League or the Council.

Section Seven
Commitments

Article 37

1. During a period of one year from the date when the agreement is implemented, every member state should authorize one central party to be responsible for facilitating the continuation of agreement's rules inside the country on various investment levels. Every country should advise the Secretariat General of the Arab League on that.
2. The above mentioned party, that directly deals with investors, or any other parties.
3. The above-mentioned authority should deal directly with investors and other parties in everything that enters its specialty range.

Article 38

1. In any case that requires transfer of money according to the agreement rules, the transfer should be made in the currency by which the investment was effected or any other transferable currency. The rate would be ruled by the price during the date of transfer, and if prices vary, the Council is to be consulted. The council will seek the assistance of the Arab Monetary Fund.
2. The transfer should be effected in a period needed for banking formalities ordinarily, without delay. If the transfer formalities take more than three months from the date of application which fulfills the legal conditions, the investor deserves interest on the untransferred amount starting the end of the three-month period. The rate of interest should be governed by banking interest rates prevailing in the country where the investment is made.

Article 39

The rules of this agreement have an effect on the country's authority in undertaking specific decisions based on reasons imposed by the public interest or the Secretary General. Also it does not affect the Arab investor's abidance to provide statistical statements and information to the central authority or the Council.

Article 40

Documents and certificates issued by the concerned authorities in any member state or the Council, in the circle of their specialties, are sufficient evidence to utilize rights and prove commitments which came under the agreement. They also prove the civil and legal status, and qualifications of workers in the project without abiding to foreign documents endorsement formalities in the member countries.

Article 41

1. The agreement will be kept at the Arab League Secretariat General to be signed.
2. The agreement would come into effect three months after endorsement documents are received from at least five member states.
3. The Arab League receives membership requests from Arab countries. The agreement comes into effect for any country seeking membership, three months after the deposit of endorsement documents.
4. The Arab League Secretariat General is responsible for informing member states to deposit the endorsement documents at the secretariat.

Article 42

Any member state cannot withdraw from the agreement except after five years from the date when the agreement goes into effect for that country. The withdrawal should be in form of a written advisory addressed to the Arab League Secretary General. The withdrawal becomes effective one year after the secretary general is informed of the advisory.

Article 43

If any member state withdraws or loses its membership in the Arab League, delays or suspends the rules of the agreement according to Article 19, that would not affect the rights and commitments resulting from the investment according to this agreement's rules.

Article 44

This agreement would not be adjusted before five years from the date of its effect. Any adjustment should be made upon the approval of two thirds of member states. The adjustment comes into force for the states who endorse the adjustment, three months after depositing the endorsement documents. At least five states should endorse the adjustment to bring it into effect.

representatives of party states which are members in the Council shall meet in a form of commission to be named "The Arab Investment Agreement Commission." The commission assumes the duties of the Council in this connection, except assigning chairman and members of the Court which is handled by the Council in all circumstances.

The Arab League Economic Directorate General will act as the commission's secretariat under an internal system to be issued by the Council and include regulating the commission's administrative affairs, specify its resources and principles of action.

Article 46

The Court's duties will be assumed by the Arab League Court upon its establishment.

This agreement was issued in Arabic language in... city on... corresponding to... from one original copy to be kept at the Arab League Secretariat General and copies have been handed to every country that signed the agreement.

SUPPLEMENT
MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION

Article 1 — Mediation

1. In case disputing sides agree to mediation, the agreement should contain a description of the dispute, demands of all sides and name of mediator proposed. The disputing sides can request the Arab League Secretary General to choose a mediator. The secretariat general sends a copy of the agreement of mediation requesting the mediator to carry out his duty.
2. The mediator's responsibility is to bring the different views nearer and has the right to present proposals that would achieve a settlement that satisfies all sides. The disputing sides should provide the mediator with statements and documents that help in the mediation mission. The mediator should present a report to the Council three months after the appointment date summarizing the aspects of difference, his settlement proposals, and solutions accepted by the sides. The conflicting sides would be advised of the report in two weeks from its presentation and they will be asked to send their opinion to the report within two weeks from the date they were advised.
3. The mediator's report bears no binding in front of the jury if the dispute is presented to a court.

Article 2 — Arbitration:

1. If the two sides do not agree to seek a mediator, or in case the mediator is unable to present the report in the specified period, or if the two sides do not agree to the settlement proposals in the report, then the two sides can seek arbitration.
2. Arbitration procedures begin by one side, which seeks arbitration, informing the other side in the dispute of his intention clarifying the nature of the dispute, the requested decision and the name of arbitrator for the side proposed. The other side should, within 30 days of receiving the advisory, inform the arbitration seeker of the arbitrator proposed by his side. The two arbitrators should, within 30 days of the appointment of the last of them, pick an arbitrator which becomes chairman of the arbitration commission. The chairman has a favored vote if the opinion votes are equal.
3. If the other side does not appoint an arbitrator, or in case the two proposed arbitrators do not agree on a favored arbitrator during the assigned periods, an arbitration commission is formed of one arbitrator from the Arab League

Secretary General.

4. Any side does not have the right to change the arbitrator it appointed. However, in case of the resignation, death or disability to work of any arbitrator, he could be replaced by another arbitrator. The latter should be appointed in the same way the first arbitrator was appointed and assumes the authority and duties of the first.
5. The arbitration commission meets for the first time in the place and date decided by the favored arbitrator, and later the commission decides the date and place of its meeting.
6. The commission limits the issues that come into the range of its specialty and specifies its own procedures.
7. The commission grants all sides a just opportunity to present their memorandum, and give their statements. It passes decisions by a majority of votes containing the reasons for every decision. The decision should be signed by, at least, the majority of the arbitration commission members and a copy should be given to every side.
8. The arbitration commission's decision becomes final and compulsory, according to the article, to which both sides should adhere and implement immediately upon its issuance unless the commission specifies a delay for implementing the decision or part of it. The arbitrary decision can not be contested.
9. The arbitration commission's decision should be passed in a period not more than six months from the date of the first formation of the commission. The Arab League secretary general, based on the applicant's request by the commission, can extend the period if needed for once and for a period that does not exceed another six months.

10. The Arab League secretary general estimates the expenses of arbitrators and other people assigned certain works and procedures related to the arbitration.

Each side bears the expenses resulting from the arbitration. The arbitration commission decides which side bears the arbitration expenses, or the percentage of distributing the expenses to both sides, and the procedures and means of payment.

11. If three months pass from the date of issuing the decision with implementation, the issue would be submitted to Arab Investment Court to pass and implement its opinion.

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For the United Arab Emirates
For the State of Bahrain
For the Tunisian Republic
For the Algerian People's Democratic Republic
For the Republic of Djibouti
For the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
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For the Syrian Arab Republic
For the Democratic Republic of Somalia
For the Republic of Iraq
For the Sultanate of Oman
For Palestine
For the State of Qatar
For the State of Kuwait
For the Republic of Lebanon
For the Libyan Arab People's Socialist Jamahiriyah
For the Kingdom of Morocco
For the Mauritanian Islamic Republic
For the Yemen Arab Republic
For the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen

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BLONDIE

I'M LATE FOR WORK! I'LL HAVE TO SKIP BREAKFAST!

WHAT ABOUT THE PANCAKES I MADE FOR YOU? MAPLE OR BOYSENBERRY?

B.C.

BEING 'PORTLY' HAS ITS ADVANTAGES, ... LIKE WHEN A GUY COMES ON TO ME, I KNOW HE'S AFTER MY MIND.

YOU MUST DATE A LOT OF INTELLECTUALS. I'LL TRADE YOU FOUR PROFESSORS FOR ONE 'ARM WRESTLER'.

ANDY CAPP

I SHOULD'VE REALLY INVITED YOU TO COME ALONG TO THE SNOOKER FINAL, PET

I FELT REALLY BAD ABOUT IT ALL EVENIN'. IT'S A WONDER I PLAYED SO WELL.

AM I FORGIVEN? FORGET IT AN' COME AN' EAT YOUR SUPPER

HAGAR

IS THERE A MAN WHOSE HEART WOULD SWELL TO CHARGE INTO THE MOUTH OF HELL?

WHO SNEERS AT DANGER AND DEADLY FATE

GO TELL MY WIFE THAT I'LL BE LATE

SMALL SOCIETY

LET ME PUT IT THIS WAY, FOLKS -

TODAY ON A MEDIAN INCOME, YOU CAN'T AFFORD A MEDIAN-PRICED HOUSE

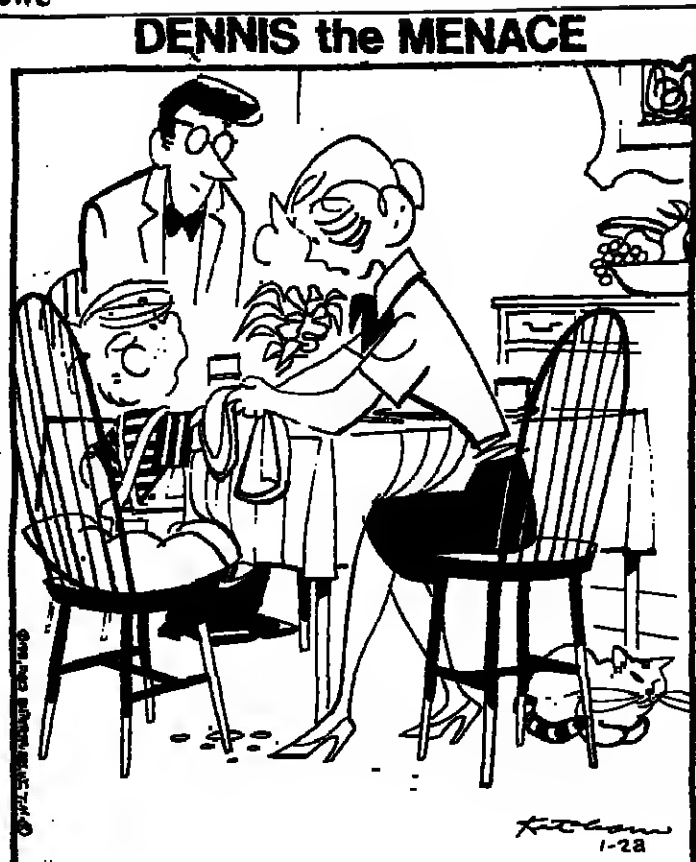
WIZARD

WHAT ARE THESE LITTLE GREEN SPOTS ON THE BACK OF MY HANDS?

NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT... JUST LIVER SPOTS

ANYTHING I SHOULD DO?

YOU MIGHT EASE UP A BIT ON THE GRASSHOPPERS



DENNIS the MENACE

"IF I'M SPOSED TO USE A FORK, WHY DO I HAFTA WASH MY HANDS?"

Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

Maximizing Your Chances

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ 9 7 4
 ♥ Q 7 6 3
 ♦ A J 9
 ♣ 10 6 2

WEST
 ♠ Q 6 3
 ♥ J 10 8 2
 ♦ 10 5 3
 ♣ K Q J

EAST
 ♠ 10
 ♥ K 9
 ♦ 8 6 4 2
 ♣ A 9 8 7 5 4

SOUTH
 ♠ A K J 8 5 2
 ♥ A 5 4
 ♦ K Q 7
 ♣ 3

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♠ Pass 1NT Pass
 3♣ Pass 4♣

Opening lead — king of clubs.

But if you don't see all hands on deck, you might not realize that East was dealt the doubleton king of hearts. Upon leading the low heart towards dummy, you might put up the queen, hoping to find West with the king — and down the drain would go the contract. But in the present case, you can make four spades with normal play without seeing the defenders' cards in any way, shape or form.

After ruffing the club at trick two and playing the A-K of trumps, you lead a diamond to the ace and ruff dummy's last club. Then you cash the K-Q of diamonds and play the ace and another heart.

Lacking X-ray eyes, you go up with dummy's queen, losing to the king. But, as a result of your foresight in eliminating the diamonds and clubs from your own hand and dummy's, the contract comes home.

East is now forced to return a diamond or a club, and, whichever he does, you discard the heart loser from your hand as you ruff the return in dummy. So you wind up making the contract, despite the misguessing in hearts, as partner grudgingly pays tribute to your immaculate mastery over the cards.

Your Individual Horoscope

Francis Drake

FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

- ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Despite a change in plans, you'll have success in promoting your ideas. Close ties are helpful and you have winning ways.
- TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) Be philosophic about an unexpected expense. New job and financial opportunities should arise now. Take advantage of good fortune.
- GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You have many creative potentials. Now's the time to find a major interest and commit yourself to it. Romance is also likely.
- CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Complete unfinished tasks before embarking on a new project. Tidy up loose ends. You may hear of a good real estate venture.
- LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) You may consider joining a club or organization. Friends are helpful now. You may receive an invitation that is to your liking.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Capitalize on new work opportunities. Be willing to expand your horizons. Seek new ways to increase your income or security.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your optimism attracts benefits. You're able to advance your interests through your likable disposition. Make travel plans.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You'll obtain behind-the-scenes financial backing now. You profit by keeping a low profile. Don't show your hand prematurely.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Friends turn you on to money-making opportunities. Include loved ones in your plans. Together, you favorably impress others.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Astuteness aids you in career endeavors. Higher-ups will be impressed with your work. Seek ways to improve your status in life.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Make plans for a pleasure trip. You'll make important decisions affecting a child's welfare. Capitalize on educational opportunities.
- PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Consult with bankers about home-improvement projects. Consider investing in property. Talks about joint assets are fruitful.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Be moved by 42 Roll call
- 5 Philippine island
- 10 Monster
- 11 Anne of — or Gerald (wife of Henry VIII)
- 13 Star
- 14 Ruler
- 15 Bedroom piece
- 17 Caddoan Indian
- 18 Word with band or box
- 20 Witch's vehicle?
- 23 Old oath
- 24 Cornered
- 25 Ungainly
- 26 Acquired (abbr.)
- 27 Brandon de —
- 28 Otolary deals with it
- 29 Plagues of Egypt, by number
- 30 Suffix
- 31 Creator of "She"
- 38 London's river
- 38 Field
- 39 Bristol
- 40 Julie Andrews film
- DOWN**
- 1 Henry
- 2 Elbe tributary
- 3 Lake port
- 4 Camera part
- 5 Outcry
- 6 On guard
- 7 Woman's nickname
- 8 Struck a balance
- 9 Turncoat
- 12 Unvarying
- 16 Wearing shoes
- 20 Short respite
- 21 Fashion
- 22 Noted reference book (abbr.)
- 23 Slippery one
- 24 Pleasures
- 25 Kind of collar
- 29 "Some of — Days"
- 32 Dueller's wound
- 33 Tosca's
- 34 Construct
- 35 Challenge
- 37 Swab

Yesterday's Answer

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

HE EVBAK VDD ENA RGJ WGI WR V PTVSADAE HR OWC NVXA EW PGO HE OWGKADR.

MACCO QWOSA Yesterday's Cryptoquote: HABIT IS A CABLE; WE WEAVE A THREAD OF IT EVERY DAY, AND AT LAST WE CANNOT BREAK IT. — HORACE MANN

- F.M.**
- 8:00 News Roundup
 Reports: Actualities
 Opinion: Analysis
- 8:30 Database
 News Summary
 6:00 News
 6:00 News Summary
 9:30 Music USA: (Standard)
 10:00 News Roundup
 Reports: Actualities
 10:05 Opinion: Analysis
- VQA**
- 10:30 VOC Magazine
 Authors: Lester
 Cultural: Lester
 11:00 Special English: New
 11:30 Music U.S.: (Jazz)
 12:00 News Roundup
 Reports: Actualities
 12:05 Opinion: Analysis

arab news CALENDAR

DIARIES TV PROGRAMS (ARABIC)

Wednesday: 4:00 Quran; 4:30 Children's Programs; 6:00 Circuit; 7:00 Daily Arabic Series; 8:00 Arabic News; 8:35 TV Magazine; 9:30 English News; 10:00 Some Mothers Do Awe; 1:35 Weekly Arabic Series.

DIARIES TV PROGRAMS (ENGLISH)

Wednesday: 5:00 Quran; 5:15 Religious Talk; 9:30 Cartoons; 6:00 Batman; 6:30 Reports; 7:00 Photos and Scenes; 7:30 Religious Series; 8:00 Local News; 9:00 Arabic Drama; 10:00 Arabic Drama; 10:35 Song Program Review; 10:50 Wrestling; 11:30 English Film.

DIARIES TV PROGRAMS (FRENCH)

Wednesday: 5:00 Quran; 5:30 Open Season; 6:15 Learn English; 6:30 News; 6:45 Sports; 7:00 Health; 7:45 Arabic Series; 8:30 Arabic News; 9:00 Wrestling; 10:00 English News; 10:20 Arabic Show; 11:10 Best Sellers.

DIARIES TV PROGRAMS (SPANISH)

Wednesday: 7:05 Cartoons; 7:35 Nature of Things; 8:00 News in English; 8:15 Against the Wind; 9:00 Football.

DIARIES TV PROGRAMS (GERMAN)

Wednesday: 5:02 Quran; 5:08 Today's Programs; 5:10 Students' Programs; 6:15 Cartoons; 6:30 Adult Education; 6:50 English Comedy; 7:20 Ontario Panorama; 7:40 Songs; 7:50 Arabic Film; 8:30 Arabic News; 9:00 Religious Programs; 9:30 Local Arabic News; 9:50 Songs/Soldier's Diary; 10:00 English News; 10:20 Best Sellers; 11:30 News; 11:55 Quran.

PHARMACIES

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Al-Hikma Pharmacy
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 3:40 Light Music
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 8:00 Opening
 8:01 Holy Quran
 8:06 Program Review
 8:07 Oath of Guidance
 8:12 Light Music
 8:15 Holy Highlights
 8:45 Compositions of the Prophet
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 9:15 A Leaf From Life's Notebook
 9:30 The News
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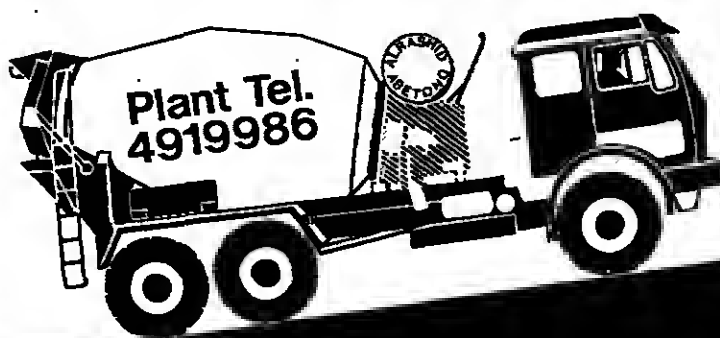


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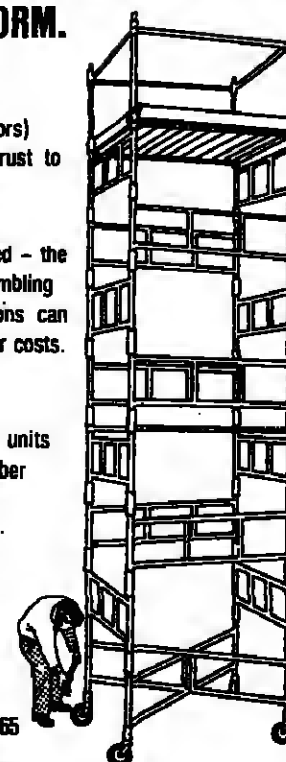
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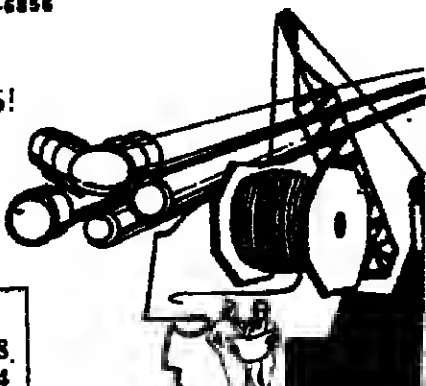
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Threat to paralyze Lodz

500,000 Polish workers stage warning strike

WARSAW, March 10 (AP) — An estimated 500,000 workers staged a one-hour warning strike Tuesday in the central province of Lodz after last-minute talks between government and independent union Solidarity leaders broke down. Lodz is a major industrial center and the heart of Poland's textile industry.

It was Poland's first major workers' strike after an 18-day period free from labor unrest. A spokesman for the Lodz chapter of Solidarity estimated that some 500,000 workers in the province's 1,300 Solidarity cells at factories and work places joined the protest.

Although the protest was planned to win the reinstatement of five Solidarity members fired from an interior ministry hospital in Lodz, the talks broke down Tuesday morning when police officials refused to allow Solidarity to continue organizing at the hospital, a union spokesman said.

The fired Solidarity members, four of them union organizers, were reinstated however, a union leader said. Union leaders agreed that essential health and social services as well as schools, hospitals and food delivery services would continue working.

A Solidarity spokesman said Tuesday that talks were expected to resume later in the day with local police officials and Lodz Mayor Jozef Niewiadomski.

As the strike began, factory sirens wailed throughout Lodz and trams and buses ground to a halt in open defiance of the national leaders of the Solidarity.

Lodz Solidarity has threatened to build up its protest until the whole textile-producing region is brought to a standstill by March 17.

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa was optimistic Monday that the strike over the firing of five hospital employees could be averted

after talks with deputy Premier Mieczyslaw Rakowski in Warsaw produced an agreement in principle on grievances in Lodz, a strike alert in Radom, and other divisive issues. But despite an agreement to reinstate the Lodz workers, talks deadlocked.

After meeting with Rakowski, Walesa had asked the Solidarity chapters in Lodz and Radom to cancel strike plans. Walesa said he would meet Premier Geo. Wojciech Jaruzelski Tuesday to discuss other issues that have threatened Poland's labor truce, including reported harassment of union members and dissident advisers. The union has vowed to strike if necessary to protect the dissidents.

Union officials have said workers will begin new sit-ins at factories and enterprises every other day beginning then until their demands are met or the proving is paralyzed.

Meanwhile, Czechoslovakia escalated Monday its attacks on Poland's Solidarity, accusing its supporters of anti-Soviet policies. The Communist Party newspaper *Rude Pravo* complained that pro-Solidarity farmers let Western reporters, attend a meeting in Posnan Sunday but excluded two Soviet news agency reporters.

It said that "journalistic and other circles described it as a further expression of anti-socialist and anti-Soviet thinking of the extremist leaders of the so-called Solidarity."

Czechoslovakia has long been a bitter critic of Solidarity, charging that dissidents and Western forces were using it to attack Communist government in Poland. The rare charges of anti-Soviet policies appeared especially significant amid reports that the Soviet Union was pressing Poland's Communist Party for tougher action against domestic unrest.

18 perish in French plane crash

MORONI, Comoro Islands, March 10 (AFP) — Eighteen persons were killed Tuesday when a French naval marine research plane crashed and burst into flames shortly after take-off at Tsoueni, 15 kms from here. Officials said the plane crashed two kms from the runway, killing all the crew members. The plane, which was on a mission in the Indian Ocean, arrived here Saturday. It was leaving for the French island of Reunion.

The Comoran authorities have started an inquiry into the cause of the crash. Prime Minister Salim Beo Ali and armed forces chief of staff, Maj. Ahmed Muhammad, were those who went to the scene of the accident.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

One more cause for worry. Not only oil and other sources of energy, but food, and specifically meat, is fast running out. This is at least what I read recently in a scientific magazine published in the United States. Soon, apparently, we shall be looking in vain for steaks and Kentucky fries. A handful of grain will have to do, and that only on alternate days.

But the magazine was not all that gloomy. The situation it seems to think, can be retrieved. And at no great cost to humanity at large. The problem, the man of science explains, is that 90 per cent of the meat consumed by the human race from the beginning of time came from very few species of animal — so few indeed you could count them on the fingers of one hand.

Now there are peoples and cultures who had already taken active steps in this regard. Very brave no doubt, but you can't see it catching: Tribes in South America and deepest Asia go round happily munching monkey meat, slugs and such. The Chinese are well known for partiality for dog meat. But all this does not solve the problem.

What the scientist suggests instead is crossbreeding, aimed at taking those same animals we are used to as food and producing from them something weird and wonderful, something both scrumptious and economical.

For you see, take an unassuming, undemanding creature like the goat, lifting off old newspapers, tree bark and the odd blade of grass — and that on good days. Then take your pampered cow, polishing off tons of grass daily. Cross the two (the go?) and you get a great fat creature producing tons of meat and gallons of milk while dining off a few old newspapers.

Onwards with science, I say. Ever onwards!

Translated from Ashraq Al Awsat

U.S. assails Soviet record of repression

GENEVA, March 10 (AFP) — U.S. representative William Schifter hit out at the Soviet Union in the United Nations Human Rights Commission here Monday, attacking Soviet repression of dissidents and discrimination based on religion or ancestry. He also sharply criticized the human rights records of Cuba, Czechoslovakia and Nicaragua, and struck out in passing at Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Guatemala, Haiti, Paraguay, El Salvador and Uruguay.

Schifter, the No. 2 man in the U.S. Delegation to the Human Rights Commission, said that "in the beautiful Prague spring of 1968" the Alexander Dubcek regime, quickly crushed by Moscow, "sought to demonstrate that there could be socialism with a human face."

He moved on to "the frightful event" of last year "when the Cuban government encouraged a massive exodus of its own citizens under chaotic and inhuman conditions, and in violation of international law." The 1980 exodus was not the only rights violation in Cuba, he said: "The fact of the matter is that Cuba is a totalitarian dictatorship under which all individual freedoms are severely repressed."

Nicaragua, where he said there were 4,800 political prisoners, "has at best a mixed human rights record." He said Nicaraguan prisons were "severely overcrowded and all prisoners live under substandard conditions," while "abuse of prisoners, including torture, has been admitted."

Schifter said the message he brought from the American people was that "we must not accept a double standard in international affairs — one standard for the Soviet bloc and its friends, and another for all other countries."



GROPPING FOR SCRAPS: Two emaciated boys grope for food scraps in a pot after lunch distribution at one of the UNICEF-aided feeding centers in Uganda.

Samphan returning Anti-Vietnam front talks fail

PEKING, March 10 (Agencies) Former Kampuchean head of state, Nordom Sihanouk and Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan Tuesday failed to reach agreement during their talks in Pyongyang on the formation of an anti-Vietnamese coalition in Kampuchea.

In a telephone interview with Agence France-Presse from here, Sihanouk said the Khmer Rouge refused to accept one of his conditions for the establishment of a united front: the disarming of all Kampuchean

forces should Vietnam withdraw its forces from the country. "In these conditions, I do not believe an agreement is possible, but I'm not burning my bridges," said the prince, who also indicated that Khieu Samphan, premier of the deposed Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge regime, would soon return to Kampuchea via Peking and Bangkok.

Khieu Samphan arrived Monday in the North Korean capital for negotiations with the prince who has conditionally agreed to preside over the proposed anti-Vietnamese coalition. The Sihanouk-Khieu meeting took place Tuesday in a palace, outside Pyongyang, put at their disposal by North Korean President Kim Il-Sung.

U.S. ships begin cruise of ports near Salvador

NORFOLK, Virginia, March 10 (AP) — The U.S. Navy began a new show of power in central America Monday, designed to strengthen the U.S. position near the troubled borders of El Salvador. Two Norfolk-based ships, carrying the flag of the navy's top Atlantic fleet admiral, sailed for a month-long cruise that will include port visits in Costa Rica, Colombia, Caracas and Venezuela.

Adm. Harry D. Train II, commander of the Atlantic fleet set up headquarters on the guided-missiles cruiser *USS Josephus Daniels*, which sailed with the dock-landing ship *USS Spiegel Grove*.

A year ago, Train and his command conducted a similar mission — the first time in recent memory a four-star admiral personally led such a contingent into the area. Last year's mission came on the heels of former President Jimmy Carter's warning to the

In new show of power U.S. ships begin cruise of ports near Salvador

Soviets that he would counter any troop buildups in Cuba.

This year's exercise takes Train and the marine troops and equipment aboard near the troubled El Salvador and Nicaragua coasts. "The operations will underscore America's dedication to maintaining peace and freedom of the seas," the navy said.

"The port visits will strengthen the spirit of cooperation between the U.S. and the countries visited by bringing representatives of the two together in a full range of professional and civic activities," Train is to meet with civilian and military leaders as well as embassy officials during port visits.

Meanwhile, U.S. military advisers recently sent to Ilopango, in El Salvador, said in an interview Monday they are under orders to train and out to fight except in self-defense or to save another American adviser. About 29 Americans are actually training Salvadoran troops here and include helicopters mechanics, helicopter flight instructors, and small unit training teams to teach infantry tactics.

The advisers are a part of the military aid resumption to the El Salvador government, which is fighting a leftist guerrilla movement that intends to topple the civilian-military junta here.

In all, there are about 50 American military advisers in El Salvador. About 20 of them reportedly arrived a few days ago. Most of those not working directly with Salvadoran troops are assigned to the American Embassy and the Salvadoran chief-of-staff, Ilopango, the capital's former international airport, is now a Salvadoran air force base.

Sirikit visits Japan

TOKYO March 10 (AFP) — Thailand's Queen Sirikit and Princess Chulabhorn arrived in Tokyo Tuesday on a 12-day visit to Japan to meet members of the Japanese imperial family and inaugurate an exhibit of Thai handicrafts. They were met by Japan's Crown Prince Akihito and Princess Michiko, both of whom had met Thai King Bhumibol and Queen Sirikit in the Thai resort of Chiang Mai last month on a stopover before making an official tour of Saudi Arabia and Sri Lanka.

Queen Sirikit will call on Emperor Hirohito at the imperial palace and will be the guest of honor at a private luncheon with the emperor, the crown prince and princess and Prince Hiro, the emperor's first grandson. The Thai queen will also visit the ancient capital of Kyoto.

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"The meeting lasted two hours and a half and was the first round of our negotiations which could be expected to end up in failure," the prince said. He added however he had told Khieu Samphan he would agree to meet him again in Peking by the end of April.

Meanwhile, the Vietnam-backed government in Kampuchea Tuesday announced it had drafted a new constitution for the country. Phnom Penh Radio reported. It did not give any details of the constitution, which is the first to be drafted since Vietnamese forces intervened in Kampuchea to help topple the pro-Chinese Khmer Rouge regime in January 1979.

Dollar loses ground

LONDON, March 10 (AP) — The dollar lost ground against key world currencies for the second straight day in early trading Tuesday amid expectations U.S. interest rates will be cut sharply. Gold prices were mixed.

In London, the British pound, which has been seesawing for more than a week, made modest gains. It cost \$2.2145 to buy one pound against \$2.2130 at close of business Monday. The dollar closed in Tokyo, where the business day ends before Europe's begins, at 206.40 yen, down from Monday's 207.35 yen.

The price of gold opened in London and Zurich at \$475.50 an ounce amid quiet trading. That was \$3 down from Monday's close in London and \$1 up in Zurich. Gold gained \$10 Monday. The price of silver in London was unchanged at \$11.97 an ounce.

38 die in bus mishap

GUATEMALA CITY, March 10 (AP) — A bus lost its brakes and tumbled down a mountain side 48 miles southeast of here, killing 38 passengers and injuring 14 others, a national police spokesman said.

The spokesman said that when the driver tried Sunday to brake and found the brakes were gone, he yelled at the passengers, "hold on tight and don't scream." Many of the injured were reported in serious condition at a hospital in Jutiapa, a town near the site of the accident.

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